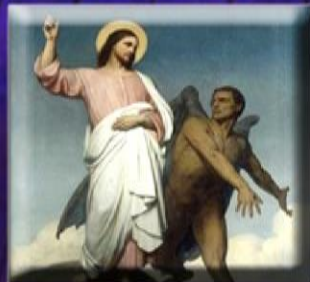


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Temptation

What is temptation?

Temptation is a Principle on which something is based persistently to persuade someone to do something. In the religious aspects it is a way to do the sin. When a person loses the self-control, it leads to an action to commit certain things. It is an emotional action to lead someone to do the un-expected things.

We can tell in other way

“First sight is not sin”

“Second sight is the temptation”

“Third sight is the sin”

Temptations of Jesus

Jesus was tempted as tempted in every way, just as we are. So Jesus had the temptations just like us. But here three major temptations were mentioned, which mankind facing in the daily life.

Temptation One

The tempter came to him and said

“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread”

Jesus answered

It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” - Matthew 4:3 – 4

Satan was misleading the people by speaking about the food. There was a saying that all the skills and talents men use for the bread only. Most of the people on the face of earth live for the bread only. Coming to one of the Indian philosophy that was called as the “Charvaka philosophy” they believe in the materialistic things. They also called as he Lokayata, this word was from Sanskrit. It means the “Worldly Ones.” They do not believe life afterworld, karma, liberation called as the moksha. We will find this kind of people around the world. These scriptures also speak about this kind of people.

**“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.
Their mind is set on earthly things” - Philippians 3:19**



This kind of people thinks that everything was only bread. They were also misled by the Satan to destruct themselves just for the bread. Satan by knowing this secret of the human beings, tried to tempt Jesus, as Jesus lived as the full man on the face of earth.

During one of my visits to America, I was in the fasting prayers for three days. In one of those days, I was happened to attend the food bank of our church in America. There we giving the free food for the poor people. Our church people help the food bank voluntarily. One of our church girls, who were in that team, was eating continually by doing the work. She questioned

me by know that was in the fasting, how can live without eating? How you do these fasting prayers?

We will find this kind of people around the world. They cannot stop eating. Fasting is good for the health according the medically. Medically they say, a person will not die even though he doesn't eat for the forty days.

“Put a knife to your own throat, if you have a big appetite” - Proverbs 23:2

In the olden days there was a saying that “Eat well and live long’ for present days that saying was changed as “Eat less and live long”. Esau sold his birth rights to Brother Jacob just for the red bean curry.

“When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; and Esau said to Jacob, 'Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished.' Therefore his name was called Edom. But Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?' And Jacob said, 'First swear to me'; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright” - Genesis 25:29-34

Bread is having its major role in the human lives. Satan used that on Jesus, where he was failed to tempt him. As the children of God we must keep this in mind and live for the Jesus in situation not to sell us for the bread. We live by the word of God. I am telling this with my personal experience. It is not only my experience but also the experience of every God’s servant and the child.

“After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: 'Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss” - Acts 27:21

“Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust” - Acts 14:23

I have faced this kind of situations many times in my life. I can boldly say that the man will live by the word of God. There were the times in my life that there was no milk for my son when he was infant child. He got no breast feeding .We need to give the tin milk for him. There was no money for that. We gave three days just sugar water that little boy. God

protect that child and sent the help after three days. We have enough experience like this. Many time we suffered for the bread. In all these temptations we were very strong in the spirit through the word of God.

Temptation Two

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written

“He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone” Jesus answered him It is also written

“Do not put the Lord your God to the test” - Matthew 4:5- 7



Here Satan testing the power and the protection of God towards His children and the servants. Lot of people fails here and brings the bad name to the Living God. Let's see one happened things in South Korea. Youth conference was going on in a particular place. To reach that place people need to cross a river. There was a ferry to take the people to the other end of the river. By the time of sun light fails four young people came catch the ferry to reach the other end of the river. Unfortunately they missed the ferry. They discussed themselves and remembered the way Peter walked on the waters, they decided themselves and tried to walk on the waters, and fall into the waters and died as they do not know the swimming. Is it not testing God for nothing? The non-Christians mocked the God's name by their foolish act. We cannot test the power and the protection of God.

Coming to my personal life experience, I was at the rail station, to catch the train. That was the very large rail station in our area. We call it as the rail junction. One particular super-fast train was arriving to the platform. As our trains are open trains, people will jump into the train while it still in running. They do that just have the seat to sit in the general compartments. I was also in the same thinking to jump into the train as it was in running. One side the Satan was encouraging me to jump into the train. Other side the God's spirit was saying to me not to jump into train. I was obeyed to the spirit of God. That made me to live, other person who standing by the side of me, tried to jump into train and died on the spot. Satan always tells us to test God. If we open the doors for him, he will destroy our lives. Let us not tempt the Living God in any means.

Temptation Three

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only’ - Matthew 4:8 – 10



This was also a major temptation for the human. Riches of this world, many were sold themselves for the riches. In the Old Testament we can see many people like this. Let`s have a look about the Gehazi.

“Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive yards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee and unto thy seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow” - 2 Kings 5:20 – 27

In these days the servants of God are calming big money for the healing, from the people. They are building their kingdoms on the face of the earth. Other side they are preaching.

“What good will it is for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” - Matthew 16:26

I know many died without taking anything from this world. Some had the pathetic deaths. Some people lost their children in the accidents. Other people by seeing all these things, they are doing their evil works to make the money in the name of Jesus, mostly the healing. In the end they are enjoying the tragedy in their families and keeping the bad testimony.

Some people are very talented to raise funds, in their meetings; they give much time to raise the funds. We can say they well trained to make the money. Some people claim the big moneys for their preaching.

In these days they are so called preachers bowing down and worshipping the Satan for the riches of this world. For this kind of people the scriptures says like this.

“On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will

I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness’ -

Matthew 7:22-23

Coming to my personal experience, during the visits to America, one of our church members who were an American lady came to me with a black guy. He told me that he want to help the Indian church. She told him about the need of the church building in India. He told me that he want to donate ten million American dollars to the Indian church. I asked him, from where you got his money? He replied me that was “Mafia.” I told him that I don’t need that money. Further I told him “Do the right things in the right way” God will provide our needs in the right way at the right time. Till today we don’t have the permanent church building. We are worshipping in the rented building. The congregation is developing day by day. Now we have around five thousand people in and around. In the Greek the word used for the church was Ecclesia, it means in Christian theology body of faithful people, and the whole body of the faithful, an original meaning of assembly.

We are not looking towards the buildings. We are concentrating in the growth of spirit and number.

In our ministry we don't concentrate on money matters. God is providing the need of the church and the family. Many destroyed themselves by loving the money.

"The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief's" - 1 Timothy 6:10

We need to stand for the Jesus by winning this temptation. Then the God will glorify through our lives.



Jesus tempted in every way like us

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are yet he did not sin - Hebrews 4:15

Many people think that Jesus had only three temptations. We must know that Jesus lived on the face of the earth as the full man.

He was suffered like us. Hungry like us. He had Sweat like us. Walked like us. As he lived as the full man, he faced all kinds of the temptation which we are facing now in our lives. In all of those temptations he lived holy. It says the temptations are common to the mankind. It is our bound duty to win them and stand for Him as the living vessels. Those temptations which He faces were not written in the Bible. People may misinterpret them or misunderstand them. Even in this situation some evil people wrote some books by naming the “Secret life of Jesus.” He was the Holy God. Born holy and lived Holy.

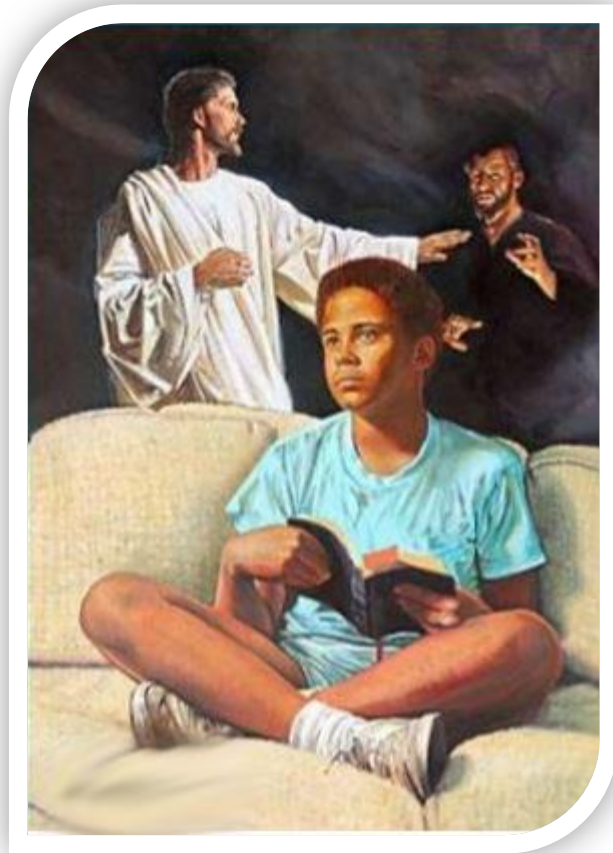
“Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come” - Revelation 4:8

In all of His temptations He lived Holy. He also expects the same from us. In all of our temptations we must live holy. How can we live Holy in the temptations? We will see the scriptures.

God will help us in the Temptations

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being

Tempted - Hebrews 2:18



As we discussed, Jesus lived as the full man on the face of the earth. Being the full man
A**he gone through the temptations. As he got the experience of the temptations, He also**
helps us to win the temptations. As the matter of fact we can face the Satan and win
the temptation. The living God helps us to win the temptations. It was the promise given by
Him. So that the people who were in the temptations, need not to worry, as the living God
helps us to go through the temptations to stand for Him.

Coming to my personal life, I was tempted like every person tempting around the world. In every temptation, He helped me to win and go through to stand for Him. I will share more experiences in my life in this book. Every temptation gave me the better experience to stand for His glory as the living witness.

If God don't helps us. We cannot stand in front of Satan. We must remember one thing that "God is almighty" "Satan is mighty" so Satan can do things all most like God. His motive was evil, that's the reason Satan was failing. We need not worry for the temptation as the God was with us and helps us to win those temptations.



Temptation

Common Temptations

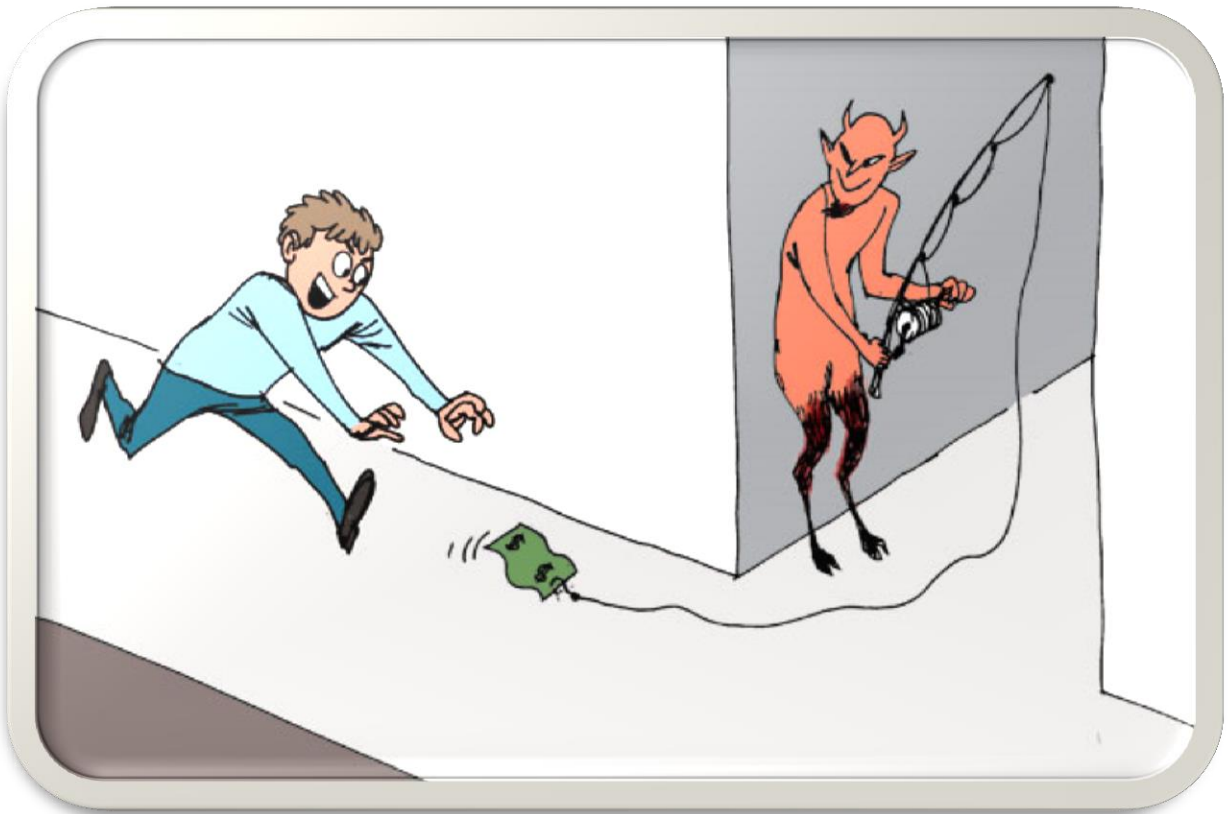
“No temptation has overtaken you that are not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” - 1 Corinthians 10:13



We must know that we have the common temptations. No one will get the extraordinary temptations. Some people think that they are only facing the extraordinary temptation. Some will go down in the spiritual life due to the temptations. We must learn to keep all of our burden or the temptations on God. Scriptures are very clear on this.

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” - Matthew
11:28**

We will have the peace and the rest only in the God. That peace and the rest will not allow us to face the temptations. That will rescue us from the temptations. Those temptations we are facing are the just common ones. Even in those, God makes the way to escape. He is the caring God. We need not worry and also to blame God for these common temptations. Coming to my life the common temptations are very often. The Great God helping me all the time to win the temptation to live for Him as the living vessel.



Temptation will come when there is no Prayer

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” - Matthew 26:41



Most of the temptation will come when there was lack of prayer. Prayer and word of God are two legs for the believer. When we kneel down to pray the Satan will tremble. Satan will not allow the God's children not to pray, he make them busy not to pray. People are not busy for anything on the face of the earth. But most of the people were busy to pray. When we are lack of prayers the temptations will start. Jesus as in the Gethsemane garden in the last night His life on the face of earth. The last message He gave to the disciples was "Watch and pray" during that situation the disciples do not know that they will enter into the different situations. The soldiers will come and arrest Jesus which leads him to the fructification. Keeping that in mind Jesus told them not to sleep. Watch and pray that you will not enter into the temptation.

This was the message for the whole mankind to keep on watch to pray not to fall in the temptations. Coming to my personal life, I experience this kind of temptations many times. Due to the busy works, sometimes, say very few times, the prayers time will reduce. As soon as it happened, the problems and the temptations will be our door to enter. Then some kind of red light flashes in my mind to push me into the prayer life. Then I do the prayers more than the past. God blessed with the alertness in the spirit and guides me to pray more at the time of problems and the temptations. I believe one hundred percent in this statement that we need to keep on pray not to enter into the temptations.

God will not tempt us

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers” - James 1:12-16

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” - Mark 14:38

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Do not surprise for the Temptations

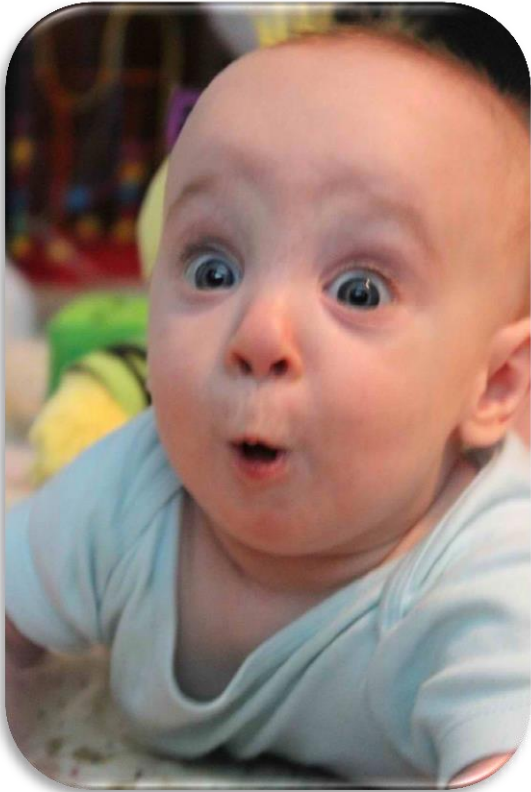
“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you” - 1 Peter 4:12

“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” - 1 John 4:4

“So that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs” - 2 Corinthians 2:11

Some people use to surprise for the temptations. We need not surprise for the temptations because the temptations will come to us when we began to live for the Jesus.

‘In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” - 2 Timothy 3:12



When we are facing the temptations, it was the sign that we are doing well in the spiritual life. The temptation will strengthen you in the spirit. We need not worry or surprise about the temptation.

Coming to my life, when the temptations come to me, I feel that I need more prayer life. Sometimes the meaningless temptation will come to me. Those temptations will not surprise me, because the scriptures told us well in advance about the temptations, we need to face the temptations to grow in the spiritual life. So let's not surprise about the temptations.

Temptations of unrighteousness

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace” - Romans 6:12-14

“For all that is in the world the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions is not from the Father but is from the world” - 1 John 2:16

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” - 1 John 2:15-17

“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do” - Galatians 5:17

“Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God” - 1 Peter 4:1-2

Our God is the righteous God we are bound to live righteous life. Keep the flesh away from the sin, as our bodies are the temple of Holy Ghost. Spirit was strong, but the body was weak. Body always stands against the spirit. We need to kill the body desires with the spirit of God. The Stan will act on body only. The things we do with body will effect to the spirit. That's the reason the scriptures says do not kill the spirit.

“Do not quench the Spirit” - 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Through the spirit kill the desires of the flesh.

**“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh” -
Galatians 5:16**

When we walk by the spirit we can win the sinful desires of the body. God will help us to live the righteous life as long as we follow His footsteps.



Coming to my life, as I travel around the globe, this kind of temptations will come very often. There will be the fight between the body and the spirit. As the scriptures say, the body is weak. What all I do in my life was to keep the Jesus on the cross in front of me all times. There was a song “The cross before me; the world behind me” “No turning back; No turning back” that’s only keeping me stand for Jesus.

In one of my American visits, I faced this kind of temptation. I was invited to one of our friend’s house to stay there for three days. As soon as I arrived there, the lady had big fight with husband and kicked him out of the house. Police came and took him to the custody. I asked that lady what you did. She said that she did it for me. I don’t want him to stay between us. I told her that my visit must be blessing for your family, not to separate. Then immediately I called my good friend a pastor to pick me up from there to his house. I left that house with the help of that pastor. She back and used every bad words she know on me for refusing her evil desire. I am not saying that I am Jesus Christ. But the Jesus will help us to overcome the temptations, when we seek His help.

Temptation to do the evil

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand” - Romans 7:19-21

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers” - 1 Peter 4:7

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers” - James 1:14-16



Some people generally have the temptation to do the evil.

How this happen? Everyone thinks that he was right and doing the right things. If it was so, how the evil things are taking place. The person thinks that they are in the right way. But they do not know that leads to the destruction.

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death” - Proverbs 16:25

Why they do like that. That was the sinful nature in the body. They want to do good deeds, but they do the wrong things. That was the temptation to do the evil things.

Temptation for the sinful passions

“For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died” - Romans 7:5-19

As long as we live in the flesh we have the desires of the lust and the world. Unless we turn our mind and the wishes towards the God, there was every danger to fall in the sin. The human desires were evil from the birth itself.

“The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time” - Genesis 6:5

God himself realized the sinfulness of human. This was the evil temptation which will destroy the body and the spirit. We need to keep the desires under the control to live for the God.



Temptation for the treasures for earth

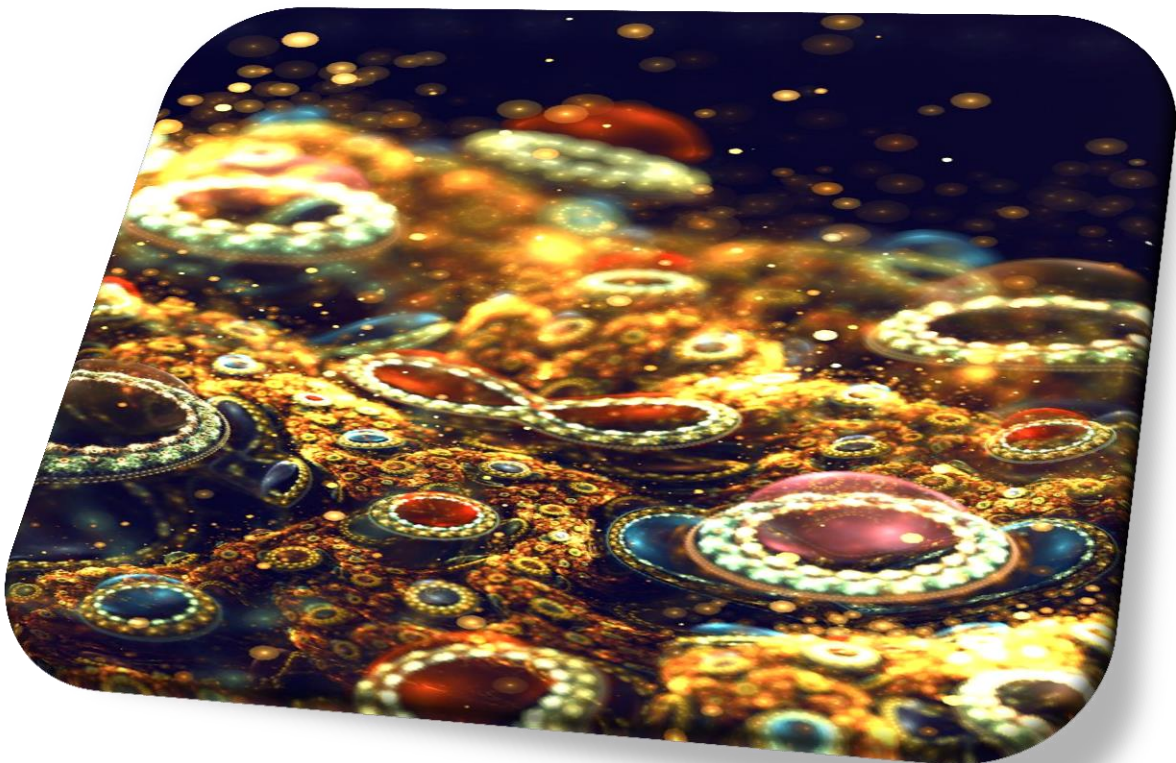
“And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” - Mark 10:21-25



Jesus taught this lesson to the whole mankind. Here this young man loves the God. But he loves the money more than God. During the travel to the whole world, I have noticed that the rich men in this world are the non-Christian and the nominal Christians. We have seen the rich man’s place in the scriptures.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side” - Luke 16:22-23

Coming to my life, one day my wife questioned me, if you go like this in the state forwardness and speaking truth. How can we survive and what we can give to our only son? Say the treasurers of earth. I prayed for the long time and spent at the feet of the Lord to get answer for my wife’s question. God answered to my prayers and told not to tell you to the treasurers of this world. In all of my visits to the world never begged for the money. My father taught us from the childhood not to stretch your hand for the help. Your hand must be the giving hand. Throughout our ministry, we never focused on the treasurers of the earth. God is providing all our needs and guiding us to live for Him.



Temptation due to lack of self-control

“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” - 2 Corinthians 11:1

“Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control” - 1 Corinthians 7:5



Self-control is very important thing. When we do not control ourselves, we will be an open person for the Satan to attack through the temptations

“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control” - Proverbs 25:28

We will have the temptations around us all times. If we don't control ourselves, there will be danger in every situation. Many God servants also fall themselves due to the lack of self-control. How can we have the self-control? The most important thing to have the self-control was the fear of God. In these days people are having much Godliness, most of the people not having the fear of God.

**“The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil” -
Proverbs 19:23**

**“The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life” - Proverbs
22:4**

People must have the fear of Police, and then they don't try to do the crime. Fear of God makes men perfect.

Coming to my life, I always keep fear to God. Any time we may fall. I have seen the great men of God fall. I keep them in front me all times not to fall in sin for the destruction. I can say that I have the self-control only because of the fear of God. The fear of God will not lead us to the temptations.



Temptation to judge others

“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother” - Romans 14:13

“And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head” Job 2:3-10



This was the important temptation. Most of the people love to judge others. Mostly the sinners love to call the other person as the sinner. The evil doing people always try to throw their evilness to others. An evil pastor tells that every pastor is an evil. I know one pastor who is living with two wives tell everyone that every pastor is an adulterate. Riches person will hide the things.

“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret” - Proverbs 11:13

The good man always says that others are good. A bad man always tells that other person was bad.

Coming to my life, I have fear to talk bad about others. As the pastor, I will come to know the defects of the people. I bury the badness of the people with in me. I have never revealed the mistake of other to any one at any time. When someone talks bad about the other person, I myself cry with in the spirit. I do not like judge others. Also I do not like to see others to judge.



Temptation for the forbidden woman

“So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words” - Proverbs 2:16



Forbidden women are the instruments of Satan to destroy the children of God mostly the servants of God. One must be careful about them. They are specialized in the talk and to drag the men into the destruction. We can see that in the life of Samson, how he loved the beauty of the lover Delilah. She was the forbidden woman and used all of her talents to destroy the God’s servant. We can also see that in the life of King Solomon. He also falls in the forbidden women. He went to the stage of not knowing that the spirit of God left him. Very often we see these kinds of things happening in the present generations.

The forbidden women are the same yesterday today and tomorrow. It's the duty of the God's children and the servants to protect them through the power of Jesus to overcome the temptations from them.

Coming to my life experience, Satan will send some forbidden women to the church to spoil the Godly atmosphere. Sometimes such women cry for the help and the redemption. If the God servant not aware about the situations, he may feel to help her by involving in the personal relations, which leads to the lusty relations for the destruction of the person and the ministry. One fine day I have received a phone call from such a lady who attends our church. She called me and telling that was in the dangerous situation. I must rescue her from that. It says to take the responsibility about her permanently, in the other side to involve in the physical relations. I kneel down and asked God what's happening. God gave the clear guidance keep silent and do not involve in the situation. God saved me from that woman. These kinds of situations happen to many God servants. We should not tempt in any means with such women. God protected me all times in my life. He is the same God who can help every one who seeks the help form Him.



Temptation for the sacrifice

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you” -

Genesis 22:1-14



his was the great temptation to Abraham. God gave the blessed son with covenant.

T God asked him to that boy as the sacrifice. It was the real and the great temptation.

Generally people are very much anxiety to receive the blessings from God, but they don't to be the blessing for the God. Abraham got the faith in the Lord. He was named as the father of faith. We can see his faith, when he told that young men stay here, me and my boy go and worship the Lord and come back. He gave prophesy, that he will come back with Isaac. It's happened there. But the thing here was, he prepared to give Isaac as the sacrifice without any doubt. That spirit made God to love him more and the title was given as the father of faith.

Coming to our ministerial experience in this subject, one of church member asked us to pray for her property sale. If it goes well, she said that she will tithe to the God. We all the church prayed for her issue. Somehow she was able to succeed in that, and sold the property for the US\$10,000. She asked some girl, what the tithe was for this amount, as she was not educated. That girl told her it was US\$1,000. That's really very big money for her. She thought to change the promises for the tithe. She asked the girl what will be the tithe for the US\$1,000. That girl told it was US\$100. That lady thought still it was big money. She asked the again, what will be the tithe for the US\$100. That girl told that was US\$10. She purchased a ceiling fan and gave that to the church as the tithe for the US\$10,000. She was tempted to break the promises of the sacrifice. For the result of this, she lost all the money for the different reasons and left the town, gone away to the near village. I always tell the congregation not to Temptation for the sacrifice.

Temptation for the death

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings

Forth death” - James 1:15

While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work

in our members to bear fruit for death” - Romans 7:5



Most of the people do not realize that the sin leads someone to death. God forgives the
M**sins when someone realizes that they are sinners. The problem here was that they**
do not realize that they are doing sin. There was a saying that says “Doing sin is
different from Living in the sin” knowingly or unknowingly people do the sin. Other than
God there was no righteous person on the face of the earth. But some people declare
themselves as the righteous. There the problem starts. They are making God as the liar.

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us” - 1

John 1:10

The result of this, God leaving them to the spirit, which was leads them to destruction.

“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another” - Romans 1:24

When God left someone, the next step for them was the death. Their sins led them to death. God wants to save the people. When they are away from him with their sinful nature, it leads them to the death. Coming to my life experience, I know one of the God’s servants who were in the large ministry. When he received the great blessings with name and fame, he started to fall in the lusty things. As he was the good friend of mine, I told him in the person, brother don’t walk in the evil paths. Till today your plane flying to Sky’s, now it took turn to the earth in the ninety degrees. If you do not check yourself, it may be harm for you. He looked at with little smile and said, brother I am fine, there was no problem. I told him, it’s ok. I did my job. After I told him, I decided myself not to meet him this person any time. I do this very often. After that incident keeping myself away from the people who were loved to live in the sin.

“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful” – Psalm 1:1

After one year that great God servant was murdered and throne as the dead dog on the national high way. Temptation for the death, I tell very God servant to keep fear of God not to do the sin which leads to the death. I myself keep this kind of thing in front of me all times, not to fall in the sin, which lead me also to the death.

Temptation for the bribe

He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil” - Isaiah 33:15



I really do not know how the “Temptation for the bribe” goes in the other countries, but in India it walks on four legs. It means work out in the full pledge. We cannot do anything without bribe in India. For the marriages they modified that word as the dowry.

People think this was the easy way to make big monies. Even the nominal Christians who were in the key positions in the government, also makes money through this way. The strange thing was here, they give tithes in the bribe to God as they were in the impression that God forgive that mistake. This bribe closes the eyes of the people. Bribe will not speak

the justice. Bribe stand for the evil. I have seen many people who made the big monies through the bribe ended up their life in the great tragedy.

I know one criminal lawyer here in our town. By taking the bribe he use to change the stories of the victims, make the victim to die themselves. He was such a talented person, who can change realities to the wrong. For example if any girl was raped by the crucial people, he use stood for them and prove the girl was a prostitute. Many girls committed suicide after the verdict of the court that they were prostitutes. For the result of that, his only daughter was killed by the son –in – law. He was unable to do anything. After few days his older son died in the accident. After that the remaining son also died with great disease. When he lost all the children in the pathetic way, he also died all of sudden. The strange thing here was, that his property became like the burial place in the middle of the city. There was no one to calm that property.

Coming to our ministerial experience, one our church girl married to the boy who lives fifty kilometers away from our city. According to their standards, they claimed US\$2,000 as the dowry. Both are the Christians but following the systems of the world.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is his good, pleasing and perfect will” - Romans 12:1-2

Most of the nominal Christians follow the pattern of this world. This was also the disease of the Israelites. Where ever the Israelites goes to the forging lands, they adopted the systems and customs of them which against to the God.

For the result of the US\$2,000, the boy's father met with accident and paid US\$4,000 to the doctor. I repeatedly tell our congregation don't follow the pattern of this world by Temptation for the bribe.

Temptation of falsehood

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman. For what has God above chosen for us? What is our inheritance from the Almighty on high? Isn't it calamity for the wicked and misfortune for those who do evil? Doesn't he see everything I do and every step I take? "Have I lied to anyone or deceived anyone? Let God weigh me on the scales of justice, for he knows my integrity. If I have strayed from his pathway, or if my heart has lusted for what my eyes have seen, or if I am guilty of any other sin, then let someone else eat the crops I have planted. Let all that I have planted be uprooted. "If my heart has been seduced by a woman, or if I have lusted for my neighbor's wife, then let my wife serve another man; let other men sleep with her. For lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished. It is a fire that burns all the way to hell. It would wipe out everything I own. "If I have been unfair to my male or female servants when they brought their complaints to me, how could I face God? What could I say when he questioned me?

For God created both me and my servants. He created us both in the womb. "Have I refused to help the poor, or crushed the hopes of widows? Have I been stingy with my food and refused to share it with orphans? No, from childhood I have cared for orphans like a father, and all my life I have cared for widows. Whenever I saw the homeless without clothes and the needy with nothing to wear, did they not praise me for providing wool clothing to keep them warm? "If I raised my hand against an orphan, knowing the judges would take my side, then let my shoulder be wrenched out of place! Let my arm be torn from its socket! That would be better than facing God's judgment. For if the majesty of God opposes me, what hope is there? - Job 31:1 – 23



We see this of temptations very often, Temptation for the others wife and the properties and the rights. Doing injustice to the needy people also comes in this. Most of these things take place due to the falsehood. Lot of men try to spoil the others wife's. They do not know what will be the reaction for that.

“So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished”

- Proverbs 6:29

Every evil act follows with the punishment. Mostly with the linked to the other persons will have more serious reactions, doing injustice to the widows or to the orphans? Not helping the needy people, when you are in situation to help them. Temptation of falsehood leads someone to the every evil act which brings the punishments.

Temptation through someone else's

“If someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God” - 1 Corinthians 10:28-32

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble” - 1 Corinthians 8:9-13

Most of the time we tempted through someone else's, Satan also use the people to tempt us. The scripture says the evil fellowship spoils the good persons.

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm” - Proverbs 13:20

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals” - 1 Corinthians 15:33

ellowship of fools and evil people leads us to the temptation and to the destruction.

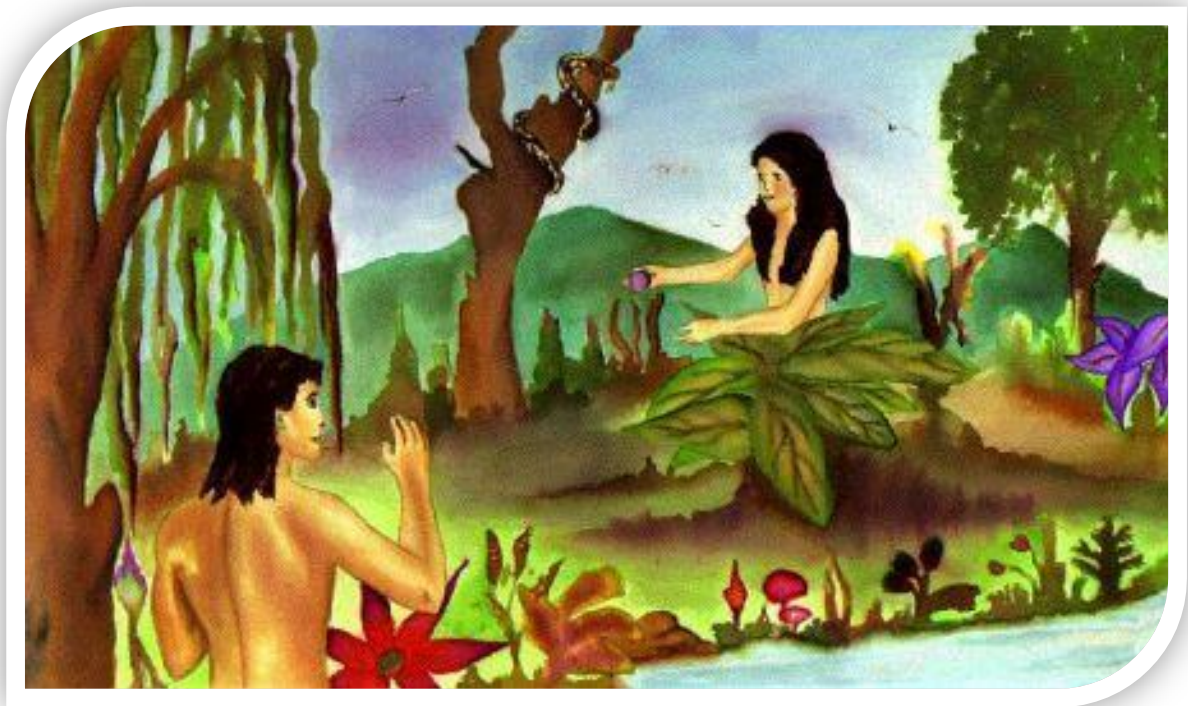
F**Many children of God spoiled due to the fellowship of the worldly friends. They feel that they are doing right, but they do not know the truth of the scriptures. There was no friendship to the light and dark, Godly and the un-Godly.**

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?” - 2 Corinthians 6:14

I know some pastors also have the friends of the worldly. Sunday there preach in the church and in the evening they spend time with the friends at Bar's and star hotel till the late nights. They will to please the people.

“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ” -

Galatians 1:10



We will have many temptations with the worldly friends. Coming to my life, I use to have the worldly friends in the past. When I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal savior in the year 1972 February 7th, which was the last day where I lost my worldly friends. To avoid the worldly friends we must have the re-born experience. A nominal Christian moves with the worldly friends where he faces the temptations. Jesus is my best friend where I am spending much time with Him all of my life time.

Overcoming Temptation

God helps to overcome the Temptation

“No temptation has overtaken you that are not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” - 1 Corinthians 10:13

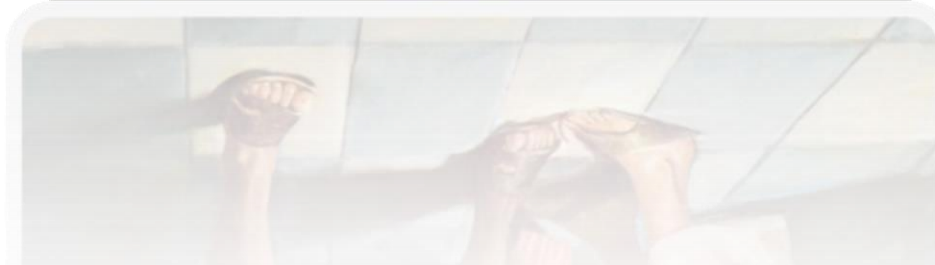
Because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being Tempted” - Hebrews 2:18

Temptations generally come through the Satan and the children of Satan. Everyone must know one thing, that God is all mighty; Satan is mighty. It's not easy for the human to stand in the temptation to attack or win the Satan. Even in the time of Jesus on the face the earth, Satan asked to attack the children of God.

“The Lord said, Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren” - Luke 22:31-32

God helps His children and His servants to overcome the temptations. This was
G**reason that we need to be in the Christ all times. As long as the chicks are with the hen, they are safe. Once they left the mother, they will be in the trouble. The eagle or the crows come and take them for the death. As long as we are in the Jesus the temptations do nothing with us.**

Coming to my life, I faced all kinds of the temptations in my life. The only secret in my life success to overcome the temptations were only the Jesus. Whenever I face the temptations the best thing I do was the prayers and the fasting prayer. In the other way I can say that the temptations are making my relation close to Jesus. It's true that God helps to overcome the Temptation



Overcome the Temptation by walking through spirit

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh” - Galatians 5:16



Most of the temptations were connected to the flesh. Flesh is always weak and desires the worldly things. How we can overcome from this. Unless you are strong in the spirit it's very difficult to overcome the temptation of the flesh. For that we need to keep the spirit to alive in us. Most of the people love to live according the desire of the flesh, where they have the temporary enjoyments. The scriptures are very clear on this matter.

“If you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live” - Romans 8:13

As long as you keep the spirit alive, you can win the temptations through that spirit. We must walk by the spirit. The spirit of God leads you in the right path to live for the living God. Walking by the spirit was not so easy it involves more commitment to the God and His works. We need to keep up the Holiness to keep the spirit with us, as it was the Holy. People usually fail here to keep the Holy Spirit. The scriptures are saying very clearly if we don't have the spirit of God we are not belongs to Him.

“We are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” - Romans 8:9

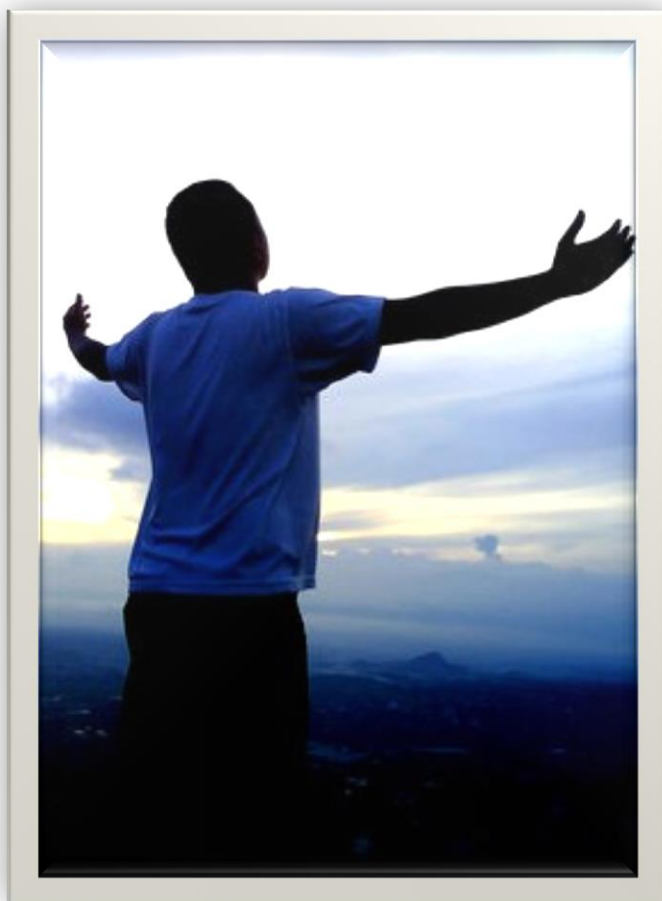
When we have the spirit of God in us, we belong to Him. When we belong to Him, He will help us to overcome the temptations through His spirit.



Overcome the Temptation by submit ourselves to God

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” - James

4:7



Submitting is the problem to the people. Human want to do things in their own way. The problem of Adam and Eve was the submitting. They were unable to submit themselves to God that made them to eat the fruit and fall in the sin. This kind of nature was continuing in the human beings. St. Paul wrote to the church of Colossians, that women must submissive to men as they submit to God.

“Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord” - Colossians 3:18

We don't see this kind of nature in most of the women in these days. What happened to them? They had gone away from God that made them not to submit to their husbands. The root for this was that they are not submitted to the living God. When they don't submit to God, how can they submit to the husbands?

This was the problem in my life also. I was so adamant person. I want God to do things according to my desire. That was the year 2000. I am going down in the life journey. Came to the situation to sell my one and only house due to the financial problems. Not getting any help from anywhere. I am praying myself to God for the help, but there was no response from God. The reason was the adamant nature of mine, not submitting myself to God. I was asking God to do things according to my plans. God will never do things as men plans. God do things in His own way. That was the situation I was sinking, stretching the hand for rescue. There was no one to help me. That was the time where I met my spiritual father. He hugged me and telling something in my ear. I was unable to catch those words as they are with low voice. I asked him please speak loud. He said you must be submissive yourself to the authority. That was the first time I hear in such a way about the submitting. God knows I was not the person who submits to someone. That was the turning point in my life. When I surrender to the authority, and then God started blessing me. I was late to adopt this nature, if I could do it in the early stage, I could be in the different stage by this time. I have learned practically that the submitting to God and to His authority, there we can win the temptations and secure the mighty blessings.

Overcome the Temptation through armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness” - Ephesians 6:10-18



We need the armor of the God overcome the temptations. Armor means not the soldiers where. These are the spiritual. Helmet of salvation; Breastplate of rightness; Belt of truth; Shield of faith; Sword of the spirit and Feet of peace.

When we have all of this spiritual armor, then we can win any kind of temptations. This will come through the practice, not by preaching or listening. Most of the Christians love to live like as the nominal Christians. They feel it is very difficult to live according to the word of God. Even the God servants were also failing in this. In my church and in my travel to the globe, I tell everyone to preach what you practice. Christianity is the practical life. It's not the theory, its one hundred percent practical. The spiritual armor: salvation, rightness, truth, faith, peace. These things can be possible only in the practice. When we are willing to practice these things, then we can overcome the temptations.



Overcome the Temptation through confess the sins

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

Unrighteousness” - 1 John 1:9

Sin separates human from the living God. He is holy; we must bind to live holy. When you involved in the sin automatically you lose the presence of the God with you. When you are away from the God, you are open to the Satan to attack in any way. Your sins are coming between you and the God.

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear” - Isaiah 59:2

Lot of people do not relies that they are in sin.

The reason for that the god of this age makes them blind.

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” - 2 Corinthians 4:4

When they become blind in the spiritual eyes, they do not know where they are going and what they are doing. That’s where the temptations will take place. As they are already away from the God, they are open to the Satan to act as he likes. Once we lost the



protection of God, we are helpless and blind to fall into the temptation. We will overcome the temptation through confessing the sins. What will happen when we confess the sins?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. That helps you to overcome the temptation.

Overcome the Temptation through Prayer

**“When he came to the place, he said to them, Pray that you may not enter into
Temptation” - Luke 22:40**



When we kneel down to pray Satan will tremble. This was the statement of the great servant of God, D.L.Moody.

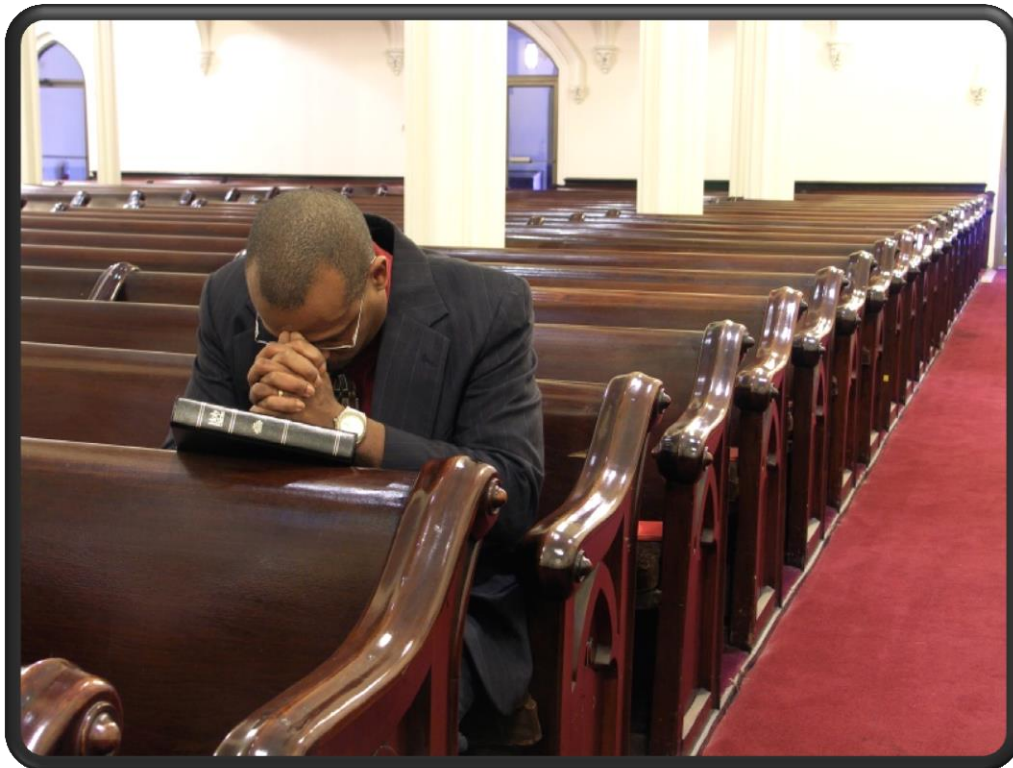
Prayer changes things. Many people were poor in the prayer life. They do not know that the Satan make the situations to them not to pray, because he knows the power of prayer.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” - James 5:16

When you are in the prayer life, it was really difficult for the Satan to act one you.

We will overcome the temptations through the prayer.

Coming to my personal life, prayer plays the vital role. I can say that there is no life to me without prayer. All these sixty two of my life, I get up 4:30am in the early morning for the prayers. I have learned this from my mother. Those prayers are only making me to live. Start the day with prayer. Start the works with prayer. The meaning of the prayer is talking to God. Say the close relation with the living God. I pray to God as I am talking to a good friend. When we have that kind of close relation with God, it says that God is with you. When God is with you, where is the place for the temptation? I am able to overcome the temptations only through the prayers.



Overcome the Temptation through firm in your faith

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him is the dominion forever and ever. Amen” - 1 Peter 5:8-11

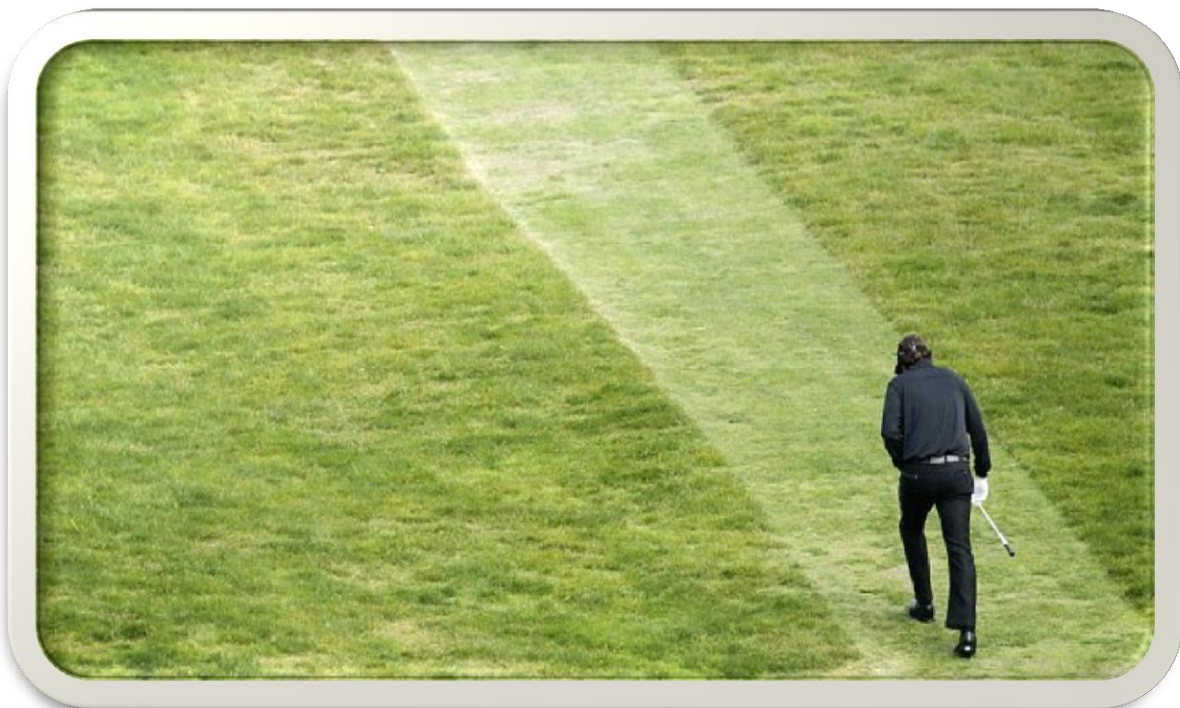
Faith is an important thing in the lives of the believer. Without faith we cannot please God.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” - Hebrews 11:6.



Without faith we cannot be the children of God. “Firm in your faith” is little deeper. It can stand for any situations. The problem with this present world, people keep less faith in the God. They keep their faith in people. Say like rich people, leaders, at home on parents. When parents secure make things for the children, they don’t bother to keep faith in the God. Their God is money which they get through the parents. When there is no faith in their lives, the point of “Firm in your faith” will nor arises in their lives.

Coming to my personal experience, I have no existence without faith. I have no help from anywhere. My parents are no more on the face of earth. Even though they were, they taught us how to live. They have not fed us with spoon. My father’s formula was “do not feed the children with fish; teach them to fish themselves” so there is help from any side. My only resource was God. I need to clime everything from God, due to this reason I must keep the “Firm in your faith” in the God. This faith helps us not to fall in the temptations. I have this experience one hundred percent in my life.

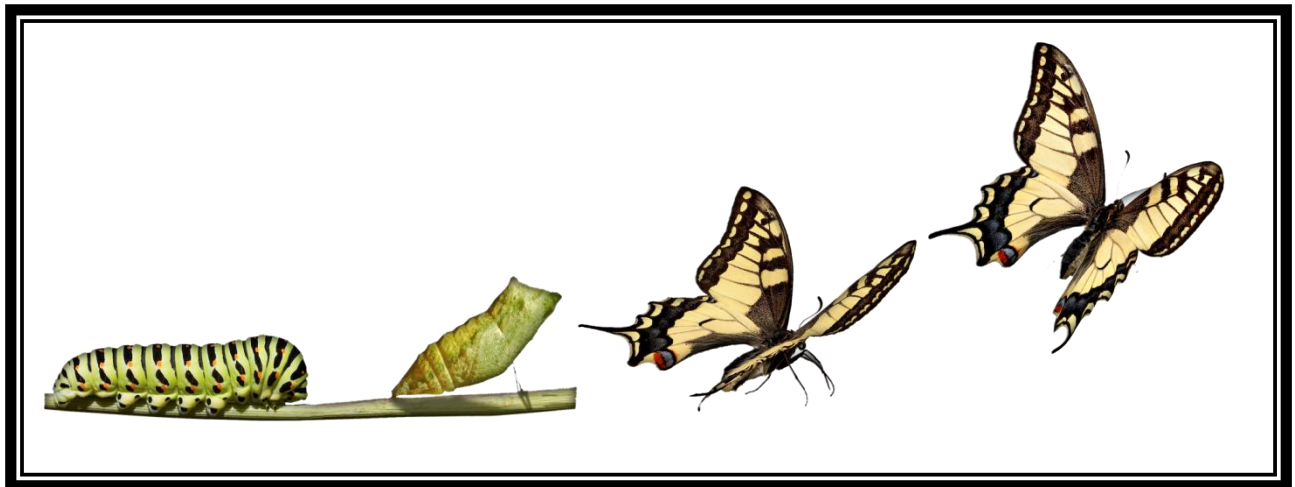


Overcome the Temptation through the transformation

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” - Romans 12:1 – 2

The person in the Christ was the new creation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



We must become the new person. The transformation was the more effective change in someone's life. In these days people love to live like nominal Christians.

Transformation life means to focus Jesus through the lives of someone. The bad fortune was now with the nominal Christian, they are practicing every evil deed like the gentiles. Through this kind of nature they are opening the doors for the temptations, those temptations leading them to go away from God and some time to their destruction. Transformation takes place when merge with God. The scripture says like this.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” - John 15:5

We must loose our identity to focus God in our lives. When people see God in your life, that`s the transformation. How the caterpillar transform as the butterfly. When we have the life of transformed, we do not follow the systems of the world and it evil. This kind of transformation leads you to no temptation. So be transformed in God.



Overcome the Temptation through the tests

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will

Receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him” - James 1:12

“These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed” - 1 Peter 1:7

Through the tests our faith will become strong. Tests and trails will lead someone to the deeper spiritual life. Even on the face of earth for every promotion there will be a test. If someone stands in that test they will be libel for the next better stage. Coming to the spiritual life, the test will be very important to take you to the higher stage in the spiritual stage. When we are going under the tests it`s the sign that there were the blessings in front of us. When God asked Abraham to give the Isaac as the sacrifice, it was the test to him. He needs to prove it in the practical way to receive the greatest blessings that God promised to Abraham. He proved in his life through the action that made him as the father of faith. Sometimes the test was very hard.

Coming to my life I have gone through many tests. In every test I have received the blessings. Some time we need to sacrifice certain things in the tests. During my visits to America, I was in a conference, while I am relaxing in the free time, I saw an Indian mother and grown up daughter were sitting at one corner and crying. I went close to them and quested what happened? They said we came here by borrowing big money for the flight tickets and other expenses. We have to go back within two days there was no help to

us. That was time for me to think, I was in the same situation, but that's the time to help them. The test for me was my need or their needs? I told them to stay there for some time, till I come back. I met the bishop of that conference and shared about them. He said you are in the need, what you want to do with them. I told him God will help, it's the time for them get help. The bishop told me I cannot do any financial help. I told him you don't give anything to them, but speak about them in the evening meeting, people may help them. The bishop said to me, I will give you time to speak for them. I did it and those people got the enough help in the evening meeting. So do you think I failed in that test? No, not at all, after two days, God gave me the great help because I help His children. I had many experiences like this in my life. In every test I have received great blessings. I can tell through my personal experiences that the test will help us to overcome the temptation.



Overcome the Temptation not do evil for evil

Finally, all of you have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” - 1 Peter 3:8-11



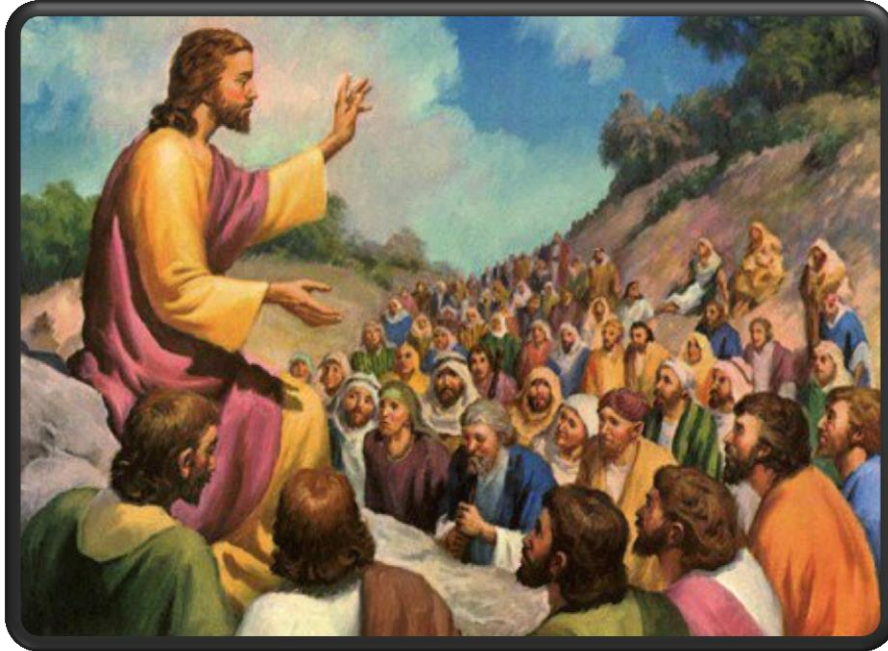
Most of the people of this world believe that we need to do evil for evil. That was the reason the courts and the police stations were filled with number of cases. We are not supposed to do the evil to evil. During my free time in the America, I prepared short sayings, by naming that as SS.

SS - Short sayings

- 1. Love others; you will be loved**
- 2. Give to others; you will be given**
- 3. Show the compassion to others; you will get compassion**
- 4. Forgive others; you will be forgiven**
- 5. Bless others; you will be blessed**
- 6. Open the doors for others; doors will be open for you**
- 7. Console others; you will be consoled**
- 8. Comfort others; you will be comforted**
- 9. Care others; you will be cared**
- 10. Hate others; you will be hated**
- 11. Harm others; you will be he harmed**
- 12. Damage others; you will be damaged**
- 13. Discourage others; you will be discouraged**
- 14. Destroy others; you will be destroyed**
- 15. Kill others; you will be killed**

God is mocked by us: Romans 2:24

God will be Glorify by us: 1 Chronicles 16:28–29



When we try to do the evil to evil we need to face the troubles, say the temptations to face the side effects. When you start to do evil to others, you will be in the trouble and to know the reactions. Every action gives same and equal reaction.

Coming to my life, I had many times kept silence when the evil attacks me through the evil people. The bad fortune in my life was, the people who received help from will rebel. That makes me surprise. In the return I do the evil to them. But what all have learned from God was bless those who harmed you when you pray. I do the same even in these days. As I don't do the evil to evil, I am very safe and not have any temptations regarding that issue. God acted in the past and acting now on the people, due to their evil works against me. With my experience I telling you do not do the evil for the evil, so that you will not enter into the temptation.

Overcome the Temptation through refuge

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”- Psalm 91:1 – 16



The first and the best thing we have to do when we face the temptation to come to refuge of God. The children of God always do this. In the Old Testament there were the cities of refuge. Those are to help the people who were the victims. Wise men always keep themselves away from the temptations by seeking the help of God. He is the refuge and the fortress for the children of God.

As for me in any temptations, I have learned to come to God for refuge. I don't go for the second thought. As soon as I found the trouble, the next step was entering into the fort of the living God. Once I enter into the presence of God I was in the total protection. Then the temptation does nothing with me. When God is on our side, who's be against to us. So we can overcome the temptation trough the refuge.



Overcome the Temptation by not believing every spirit

“Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,

For many false prophets have gone out into the world” - 1 John 4:1



It is very important thing in everyone's life. We must know which spirit is guiding. Lot of people fall in the spirit of light and do every evil work in the name of God. The fallen angels were moving around the globe to disturb and destroy the God`s children and the servants. We must be very careful in the spirits. When the Holy Ghost falls on the people, then they will speak in the tongues. At the same time, the evil spirits also fall on some people who were not clean in their spirit. The most important thing here, to receive the Holy Spirit, we must be holy. Most of the people feel difficult to live holy due to their evil deeds. Time to time we must cleanse our sins with the blood of Jesus to live holy.

Coming to my personal experience, in the past one of our church woman, started the shouting and proclaiming prophesy during the message time in the church service. Then I prayed for here commanded the spirit in her not to disturb the message and the service. Then immediately she stopped. Here we must know the Holy Ghost was gentle and cause for the peace and healthy atmosphere. When the spirit was disturbing the congregation and the atmosphere, we must relies that was not the Holy Ghost.

I know one pastor`s wife who was possessed with two demonic spirits during her college days. Those spirits are following her all of her life time as she was so comfortable with them. The strange thing here, she preaches with through that evil spirits and does the leadership in the church as she was the pastor`s wife. What was the fate of the church members with that lady?

We must examine ourselves which spirit is guiding us. We must not believe all spirits. If we are not aware about the spirits around us, we will face the temptations.



Overcome the Temptation through the knowledge

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” - Hosea 4:6



We must have the knowledge in overcome the temptations. From where we will get the Knowledge? It comes from God. When the people left the God to their evil paths, there they will lose the knowledge of the God and fall in every temptation.

People must know that they need the knowledge, if they don't realize they are in the need of knowledge, how can they get the knowledge. The scriptures are very clear in this.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you” - James 1:5

Coming to my life, my Siblings use to tell me that was the man without knowledge. In the other side they use to treat me as the fool. They surprise about the prosperity of my life both in the spirit and the material. They always have the question from where he got this kind of knowledge. The secret here was, when I came to know that I'm fool, the next thing I did in my life was, came to Jesus and cried for the knowledge of God to live for Him. This knowledge is helping to overcome the temptations.



Overcome the temptation through Joy

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy” -

1 Peter 4:12-13

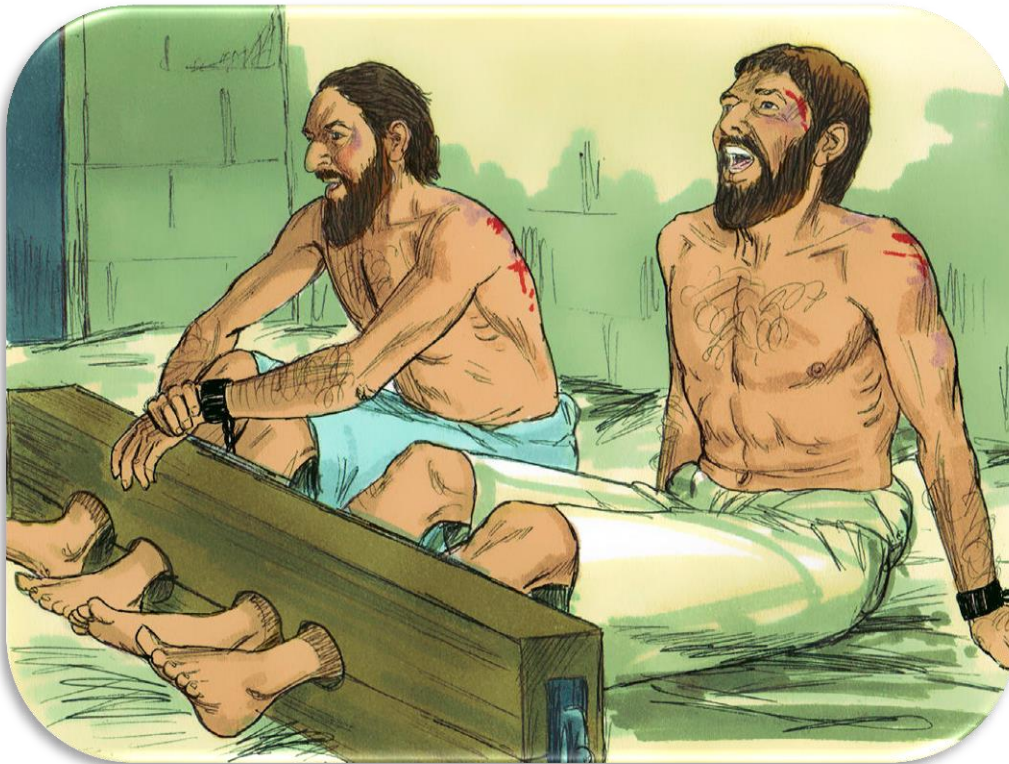
The joy is the sign that you are in the Lord. It's very difficult to have the joy in the troubles and trails. When you come to the Paul and the Silas where in the prison after having the beating, they were singing.



Paul and Silas in Prison

“Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God he and his whole household. When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: “Release those men.” The jailer told Paul, “The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace.” But Paul said to

the officers: “They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out.” The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left. in the mid night” - Acts 16:16-40



The joy of the Paul and Silas glorify the name of the God. Even though they were in the prison with wounds they were singing, that was the Joy in the spirit. That joy made the jailer and his family received the Joy by accepting the Jesus as their personal savior. That joy made them to live for God. And that joy also helped them to overcome the temptations. In the other scriptures it was return like this.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice” - Philippians 4:4

During my visits to America, I shared about the need of our church building. One of the American businessman love to help the Indian church have their own church building. As for my desire, I love to have the large church building. As the matter of fact, I love to buy one cinema theater and convert as the church. That businessman pleases with our desire and promised to donate two million American dollars. That was not happened due to some other reasons. By that time I talked with the cinema theaters owner about the deal. He was also ready to give that theater for us. When it was not happened I praised God and felt joy in the spirit. I really do not know why I did so. I had many occasions like that in my life. In every discouragement I praised God felt Joy in the spirit. The reason for that joy is to overcome the temptations. The joy in the Lord makes you to stand for Him in any situations to stand.



Overcome the Temptation by doing His will

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness” - Matthew 7:21 - 23

“Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works” - 2 John 1:9-11



Many people were falling in the temptations due to their own will to do in their lives and also in the ministry. We have nothing to do things according to your own plans. In the Lord's pray itself Jesus taught the mankind that the will of God will be done.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" - Matthew 6:10

In the ministry I never adopted any of my own plans. That was the reason why our ministry so strong and growing time to time in the number and in the spirit. All these twenty two years we have no permanent church building. We are holding the church worship in the rented halls. We had very bitter experiences to hold the church service. Many people gave the evil directions to own a church building. I know one thing very clearly, that His will be done for our church building. It is not the problem for God to give a cinema theater to convert as the church building. I know it may not be the will of God. Sometimes my own people think that I was the mad guy. Without the will of God we do nothing. I have never tried to go out of the will of God any time in my life. I have seen many people were destroyed by adopting their own plans in the life and ministry. When we do the will of God, we will be safe and no temptations come to us.



Overcome the Temptation by leaving the angry

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire” - Matthew 5:21-22



Angry was the worst thing in the someone's life. Angry human will not do the will of God. I use to have much angry when I was youth. I use to break things when I got anger. When we do not control our emotions, the emotions will control us. Many people were becoming the murders and the evil due to their angry. People use to fear about me and my angry. I use to have lot of fights with the people due to the angry. People use to

think that I may become the terrorist. People use to fear for my angry. But in the year 1972 February 7th I was encountered to Lord Jesus, it made me as the new creation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

The angry left me totally. God made me as the new creation. After that I have faced many bitter experiences in my life. In those situation, I was pleased myself because of the patience I have shown in every time. I was able to overcome many temptations in my life due to the no angry.



Overcome the Temptation by fleeing youthful passions

“So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” - 2 Timothy 2:22.

“I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me” - Romans 7:15-17.



Generally the youth will have the temptations. The youthful passions lead them to temptation. The scriptures are very clear on this matter.

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall” - Isaiah 40:30.

In the other scriptures it says like this.

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them” - Ecclesiastes 12:1.

There was every danger for the youth to fall. I can tell that with my personal experience. As the youth I did all kinds of evil things in my life. As the matter of fact if did not turned towards the Jesus at that time I could destroyed. With my personal experience I can youth face the temptations due to the youthful passions. Youth stage is very important stage in the human life. When God thought to create the humans, He created them as the youth. We can tell that God loves the youth stage. Youth can do wonders. God needs youth for His works. Same time Satan also needs the youth as they are strong. When we are away from the youthful passions, we can overcome the temptations.



Overcome the Temptation through Good

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” - Romans 12:21



There was a saying, be good and do good. When we learn to do good, you see the good in your life. We can overcome evil with good. In our daily life we face evil through the people. Mostly the people who received the blessings through us will do so evil to in the repay. If we do goods for the people most of them repay the evil. Even in those situations we need to good for them.

My father told a story relevant to this, one fine day one pilgrim found a sarpio which one was on the tank water. Struggling to come out from the waters and unable to come out. By watching that, the pilgrim wants to help that Scorpio to come out from the waters. He was trying to bring it out, for that he kept the two hands under the Scorpio to bring out from

the waters. As soon as the pilgrim kept his hands under the Scorpio, it was in the trials to bite that man as it was in the thinking that he may harm. These kinds of thing happen in our daily lives. We try to help people, but they think that we do harm to them. With that thinking they don't mind to do any kind of evil to us. I faced many situations like this in my life and ministry. Recently one young lady did all kinds of evil to me as the repayment, for the marriage we did to her. She was the single kidney lady with bad health. When we did her marriage people were jealous and Pastor helps this kind of unworthy people. Even though she her evil mother doing all kinds of evil to damage me for the help I did to them. I can teach the lesson for them by do evil. But I am thinking good for them. I don't want to do any evil to them. I love to do good for everyone. By doing the good only I am able to overcome the temptations.



Overcome the Temptation by walk properly

“Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” - Romans 13:13 – 14



Proper walk in the life only keeps someone to have the better life and helps us to overcome the temptations, my father and mother taught us to live godly and walk properly. My father uses to make us sit with him and told the stories which help us to walk properly. To teach other about the proper walk, we must practice that in our lives. Our father was the model father, his discipline life taught us to have the proper walk in our daily life. What all I have learned from my father, I did to my son. I must know who the friends of my son were. I never allowed him to make friendship to everyone. As we have dedicated for the ministry. I took the more attention towards him. Same time I use to give

my time for him as the friend. I was his father and friend. As I took more care for him he learned things through the practical way.

**“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” -
Proverbs 22:6**

Because of the practical way of teaching to my son, he became a strong vessel for the Christ with proper walk. His proper walk helped him to stand for Jesus to become the great servant of Him and to overcome any kind of temptations.



Overcome the Temptation through draw near to God

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded” - James 4:8.



When we are near to God, we were far to the world. If we are near to the world, we were far from God. When we are near to God, we will be under the protection of God. When you are protected by the God, there will be no chance for the temptations. There were the situations that gone away from the God. After accepting the Jesus Christ as my personal savior in the year 1972, there were some occasions that gone away from the God. When I had such things in my life which was the time I faced terrible temptations. The great God helped me to come back to Him very quickly. These kind of

situations happened to the great God servants in the Bible. Coming to the life of Jonah, when he tried to run away from the presence of God took care for him, to fulfill His plans through him. Temptation will take place as soon as we go away from the living God. The king David told like this with his lie experience.

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you” - Psalm
73:25

In my life I have learned this lesson practically to live close to God. That kind of relation with God will helps us to overcome the temptations.



Overcome the Temptation by not loving the world

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that are in the world the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” - 1 John 2:15-17



We cannot love the world and the God. If we are close to the world we were away from God. If we were close to God we were away from the world. Lot of people misses here. We are living in the world, world should not come into us. It's like the boat sailing on the sea. Boat must sail on waters; water should not enter into the boat. Once the water enters into the boat, then the boat was sinking. This was what happening to

the nominal Christians in these days. They were unable to come out from the worldly friends and the relatives. I know some pastors; they preach in church on Sunday and in the evening to the late nights spend time with the worldly friends in the star hotels. Instead of bringing the friends to Christ, they are going with them to the worldly life.

During my visits to America, I was happened to help one church as the pastor for seven months. In that period, one month bought her daughter to me after the church service and asking me to tell her daughter to come to church regularly, as she don't want to come church the next Sunday. The girl had the plan to go to Virginia Beach with friends on Sunday. Then I asked that girl what's happening. She said that she will go with friends to beach. I said it's good to go, because you are honoring your friends by going with them to beach next Sunday by leaving church, ask them to come to church the next Sunday, if they really love you and honor you she said ok. The next Sunday, she came to church. I asked her, what happened? She replied that her friends don't want to come church. If she doesn't go with them to the beach, they said that they don't care. The nominal Christian must know that. Do not do the self-justification. Leave the worldly friends and their activities. That will disturb your spiritual life. Do not love the world and the things in the world then you will overcome the temptations to live for the God.

Overcome the Temptation by doing the right things

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” - Philippians 4:8



Doing the right thing is very important in the human lives. The bad fortune in the human beings, was the do the wrong things. Some do the wrong things in the right way. When you are with the right spirit you will do the right things. Some people eyes were blinded to see the right things. The fellowship also work out on this, the bad friends will spoil the good people.

“Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character” - 1 Corinthians 15:33

“But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one” - 1 Corinthians 5:11

When we do the right things it's the sign that we are in the right path. The path of the right leads to the right destiny. We must know whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise.

Sometimes we were vexed by doing right things, as they do not encourage or praise. I personally faced many shames and dishonors through doing the right things. The world rejected Jesus the same world rejects us when we do the right things. We need not worry for that. We must continue to do the right things, to reap the rewards in the right time. Doing the right things brings us the right blessings at the right time. This kind of nature of doing the right things helps us to overcome the temptations.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” - Galatians 6:9



Overcome the Temptation through the Godliness

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age” - Titus 2:11 – 12



godliness is not the one day effect, it is the daily process. We need to practice the
Godliness every day. In these days the worldly people were unable to see the
godliness in the Christians, because the nominal Christians are doing things just
like the worldly people. There was no difference between the Christian and the worldly
people. That was the reason the scriptures saying this.

**“As it is written: 'God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you” -
Romans 2:24**

**“Now what do I have here?" declares the LORD. "For my people have been taken away
for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD. "And all day long my
name is constantly blasphemed” - Isaiah 52:5**

**“When they were scattered among the nations, they brought shame on my holy name. For
the nations said, 'These are the people of the LORD, but he couldn't keep them safe in his
own land” - Ezekiel 36:20**

**Practice the godliness every day. That comes through the prayer life and the meditation of
the word of God every day. When you kneel down to pray the Satan will tremble. When
you start the meditation of the word of God you will be strong person with the fruits.**

**“Whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That
person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose
leaf does not wither whatever they do prospers” - Psalm 1:2-3**

The godliness was the benefit here on the face the earth and also in the world to come.

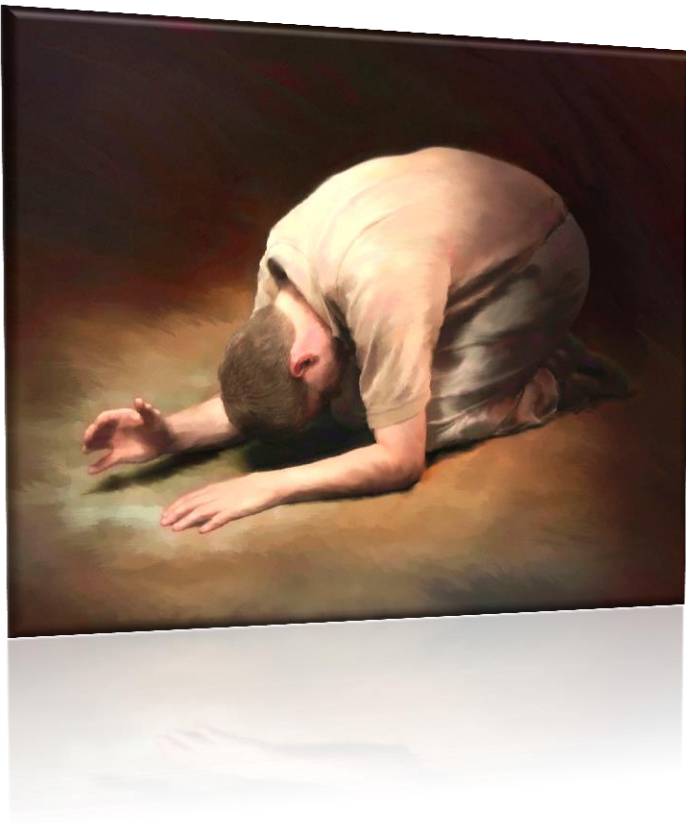
**“Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise
for both the present life and the life to come” - 1 Timothy 4:8**

**Godliness was the great benefit here on the face of earth to present Christ to the non-
Christians and also it helps us to overcome the temptations to live for Him.**

Overcome the temptation through the blamelessness

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen” - Jude 1:24-25



Blameless life is an important thing here on the face of earth. We must have the blameless life in front of the Living God. This world and the people in it refuse you and blame you for nothing. You will face the baseless blaming and the accusations. We must check ourselves in front of the living God is the one who forgives and punish. We should not do the self-justification any time. We must stand in front of the living as we stand in

front of the mirror. There we must feel that we are blameless. Our conscious must say that we are in the right path.

“Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander” - 1 Peter 3:16

When we were blameless in front of our living God, that will makes us to continue the spiritual life without the temptations.

Temptation in the Old Testament

Temptation to become like God

“Now the serpent was craftier than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” - Genesis 3:1-13



The word the Stan mentioned here “you will be like God.” she may though to become like God. That was the evil temptation. That temptation was led them to destroy themselves in the spirit. They have not become the God, they gone away from the God.

“Some people try to become like God. On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, “This is the voice of a god, not of a man.” Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. That was an evil temptation” - Acts 12:21-23

“In Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked. Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them” - Acts 14: 8 – 18

Barnabas and Paul denied the glory for them and glorified the Living God. That’s reason we are still talking about their greatness about the way they honored the God.

In these days we see many God servants do this kind of evil. They focus themselves as God`s. The God servants keeping their pictures and the big cutouts, focusing themselves as the God`s. When healing took place, they pose themselves as the God. Suppose the God appears on the stage of that meeting people also go to the speaker, not to God. Because that man of god posing like that. They are Stealing the glory of God. This was an evil temptation.

Our God is a jealous God. He will never allow someone to steel His glory.

“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols” - Isaiah 42:8

“Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God” - Exodus 34:14

Coming to my life, I had many situations like this. Lot of times people tried to praise me more and to keep me at the place of God. One young man said that me as his model and his God. I told him in front of everyone, that Jesus is the only God the model and the redeemer. I told everyone that I am just like dust at the feet of Jesus. I always humble myself in front of my Living God. I can say that was the reason why God loves me more. I am the most useless person, but God called me and using me for His glory. Glory and honor goes to Him now and forever.

Temptation due to the evil heart

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done” - Genesis 8:20-21



Because of the evil heart of the human God punished the whole world. Evil heart leads the people for the temptations. The evil heart of Cain led him to kill his own brother. He was the first murderer on the face of the earth.

Evil heart of King Saul led him to attempt to kill David. His evil heart made the David to ran away to protect himself from the Saul. His evil heart led him to the temptations to do more evil.

Evil heart of the Queen Jezebel was tempted to do all kinds of evil to kill the servant of God the prophet Elijah. The result of that, she was destroyed and kingdom was destroyed. Her evil heart led the descendants also to destroy.

Tempted to lie

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.” When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh’s officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai. So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!” Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had” - Genesis 12:10-20

Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, “You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman.” Now Abimelek had not gone near her, so he said, “Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister,’ and didn’t she also say, ‘He is my brother’? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands.” Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. Now return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die.” Early the next morning Abimelek summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. Then Abimelek called

Abraham in and said, “What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done.” And Abimelek asked Abraham, “What was your reason for doing this?” Abraham replied, “I said to myself, ‘There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. - Genesis 20:1-12



Abraham was tempted twice to lie with Pharaoh and Abimelek to protect his life. Here we can see that he was tempted to lie for the sake of his life.

Tempting God for the conformation of prophesy

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.” Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: “Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city. “This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down” - Isaiah 38:1-8



Conformation to Hezekiah regarding the prophesy given by the prophet Isaiah. Here the king Hezekiah was tempted to conform the prophesy.

Jacob tempted God for the food and clothes

“Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth” - Genesis 28:8 – 21



Jacob faced many troubles by cheating his brother. Even in his vision and the prayer to God just for the food and cloths. Here we see the temptations for the cloths and food. In this present world the communist countries slogan as the food and cloth with a house for everyone. Lot of people were sold themselves for these things. They gave much preference to these things. This was the human sickness where they are inviting the temptation in their lives. The scriptures are very clear that we need not worry for these things. God said I am feeding the birds and clothing them, why do you worry for these things. The worldly people were worry for these things. When we turn our mind towards the food an cloths, we are opening the doors for the temptation.



Tempted to Lie, Cheat and Steal

Isaac Blesses Jacob. Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.” Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it.

So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, “Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, ‘Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the Lord before my death.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you before his death.” And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing.” But his mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me.” And he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. So he went to his father and said, “My father. “And he said, “Here I am.

Who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? “And he said, “Because the Lord your God brought it to me.” Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob went

near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him. Then he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He said, “I am.” He said, “Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son’s game, so that my soul may bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near now and kiss me, my son.” And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: “Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed. Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!” Esau’s Lost Hope Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son’s game, that your soul may bless me.” And his father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” So he said, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, “Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed.” When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me—me also, O my father!” But he said, “Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.” And Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?” And Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass, when you become restless

That you shall break his yoke from your neck.” Jacob Escapes from Esau. So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, “Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. And stay with him a few days, until your brother’s fury turns away, until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?” And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”- Genesis 27



Some people can rationalize that lying, cheating, and sinning can be for a good cause. Here we see the lie and steel led him to the temptations which led him to the troubles in the entire life.

Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife

After a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined" - Genesis 39:7 – 20

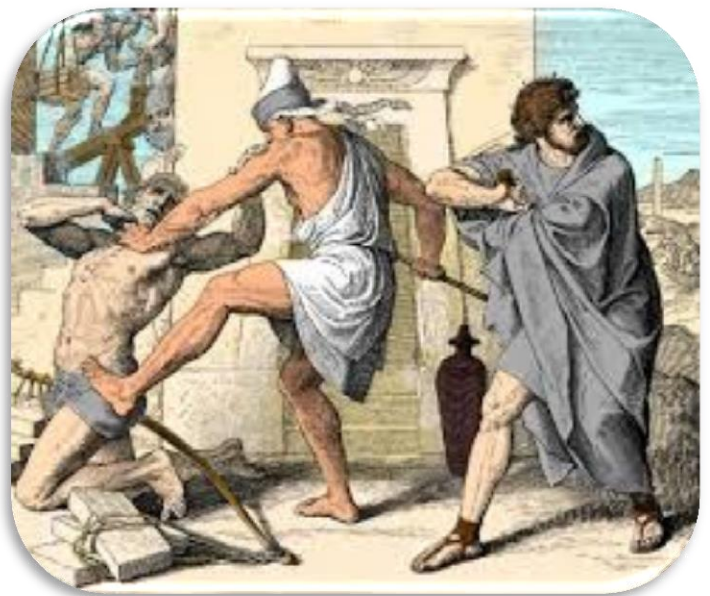


Joseph was tempted through the Potiphar's wife. If some other were in that place they may tempt to do the sin. In the other men's life in the Old Testament, they did the adultery with the others wife's. This was one of the greatest temptations on the face of the earth. Joseph was overcome that temptation, that was the reason we are talking about that great man of God.

Moses was tempted to kill Egyptian

“One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand” - Ex 2:11 – 12

Moses knew God had him put in special circumstances. Moses wanted to save the Israelites, and he empathized with the oppression of a particular Israelite slave. Since Moses’ heart was in the right place, and he wanted deliverance, which God wanted, Moses led by doing things in his own way, in his own timing. The trouble is, God does not follow our leading; rather God wants us to follow His leading.



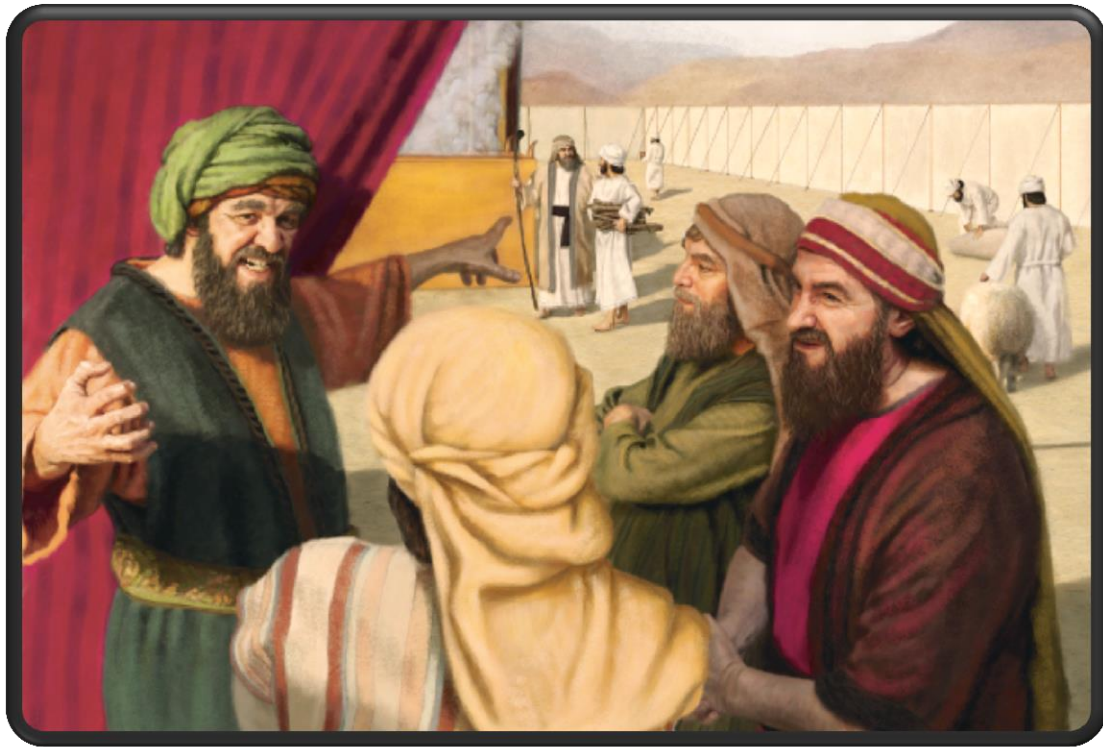
When Moses came to know that he was the Hebrew, he tried to become leader himself. That led him to kill the Egyptian. That was the temptation. The temptation for the self-made leader. He came to know later on that he made the mistake. When God called him to lead the Israelites, he denied himself that he was unworthy to do that job. In Gods time we will come to know what we are. In our times, we will be tempted to do things in our own way that where we fail.

Korah was tempted to rebel

Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord’s assembly?” When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. Then he said to Korah and all his followers: “In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him. You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers and tomorrow put burning coals and incense in them before the Lord. The man the Lord chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!” Moses also said to Korah, “Now listen, you Levites! Isn’t it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the Lord’s tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too. It is against the Lord that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?” Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, “We will not come! Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the wilderness? And now you also want to lord it over us! Moreover, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Do you want to treat these men like slaves[b]? No, we will not come!” Then Moses became very angry and said to the Lord, “Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them.” Moses said to Korah, “You and all your followers are to appear before the Lord tomorrow you and they and Aaron. Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it 250 censers in all—and present it before the Lord. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.” So each of them took his censer, put burning coals and incense

in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the tent of meeting. When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the tent of meeting, the glory of the Lord appeared to the entire assembly. The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." But Moses and Aaron fell face down and cried out, "O God, the God who gives breath to all living things, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?" Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'" Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. He warned the assembly, "Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins." So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents. Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the Lord has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and suffer the fate of all mankind, then the Lord has not sent me. But if the Lord brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the realm of the dead, then you will know that these men have treated the Lord with contempt." As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah, together with their possessions. They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense" -

Numbers 16:1 – 35



Here we see the temptation to rebel. We see these kinds of things in our churches now. Every person who rebel thinks that he is doing the right thing. In our ministry we see this kind of people very often, some died due to this kind of nature. Some were punished very badly. This was the temptation to rebel. This kind of things happens in our families also. Wife rebels against husband and the children against the parents. Many families were destroyed due to this kind of rebels' people. Some God servants also face this kind of things. I know one pastor who is very good and doing the wonderful ministry. He was the very calm person. Wife took the advantage of his goodness and made the sons to rebel on the husband. As he was happened to be the senior pastor, there was no way to fight with the sons. For the result of this his ministry was disturbed and the wife and the older son died. Rebel people disturb the ministry and the family. This was the act of Satan. Satanic people were tempt to rebel.

Tempted God to not to enter into the Promised Land

“The Lord said to Moses, “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”

So Moses took the staff from the Lord’s presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.” These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and where he was proved holy among them” - Numbers 20:7-13



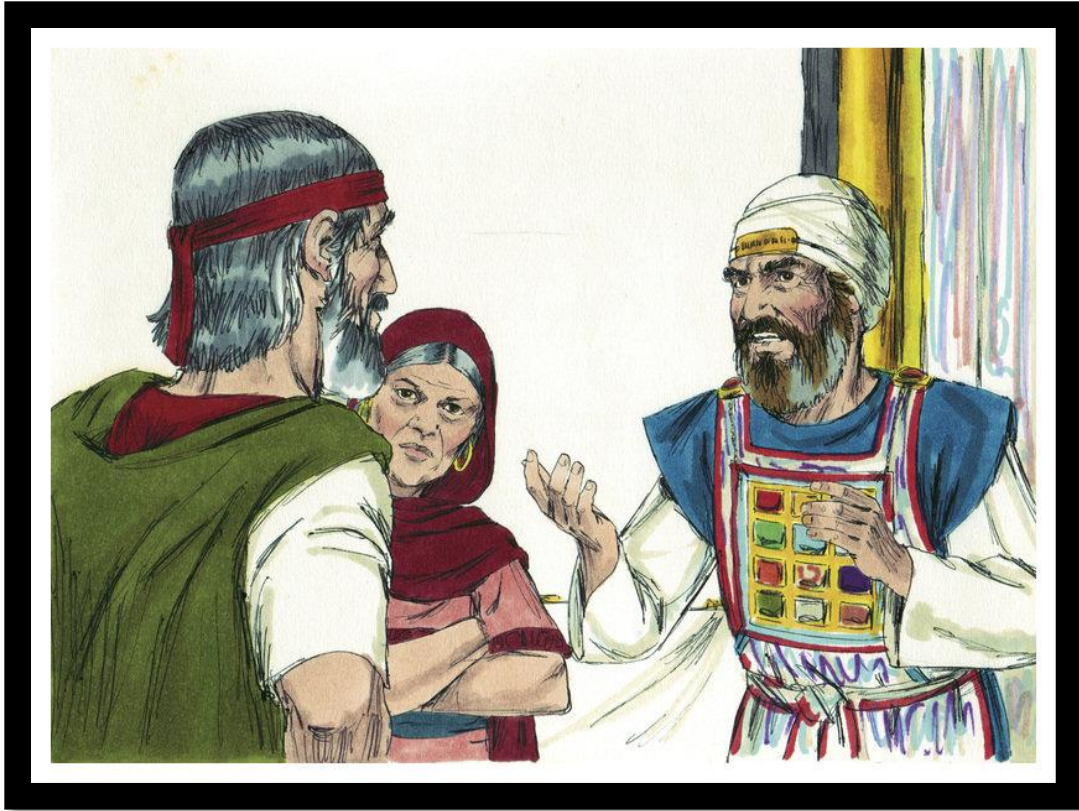
God told Moses to speak with the rock, but Moses out of the emotion and the irritation; he raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. God did His work by giving waters for them. Moses was tempted God through his action not to enter into the Promised Land.

Coming to our lives, God speaks to us to do this and that, but try to do things in our own way. Many people were failed in their lives due to this kind of nature. Everyone must know one thing, that the will of God only will be done.

Coming to my personal experience, one fine day I was in the preparation to take flight at 9:30am from my home town to America. When I was in the prayer in the early morning, God spoke to me, that I am not going to America. I told God that all the ticket reservations done, how I can cancel in this eleventh hour. We must do what God says. Then I called my travel agent to cancel my flight ticket. The travel agent told me that I lose all the money. I said it ok, there was no problem, I must listen God. After some time the travel agent called in phone and said that I have not lost any money of the ticket. If I tempt God by not obey to His command, I really do not know what bad things could happen to me. What I have learned in my life was not to tempt God to miss His blessings in the life.

Tempted to Rebuke a Godly Leader

“Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses: Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, he said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in my entire house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “Please, God, heal her!” The Lord replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back. After that, the people left Hazeroth and encamped in the Desert of Paran” - Numbers 12



rebuke a Godly Leader, we see very often in our communities. There are some **R**denominations, where the lay man rules the pastor. For them the pastor was the paid employee. The pastor must preach according to their will. He must present his sermon before day on the paper. They distribute the printed copies to the church members on the Sunday service. Church was the reflection of heaven. God is only the head for the heaven. All the angels must worship Him with all of their spirit mind and soul. They must be ruled by the servant of God. Unfortunately the pastor and the congregation were ruling by the lay leaders. During my visit to America in the year 1998, I was happened to preach this kind of mission churches. I have preached around fifty churches. In the end of my sermon, I use to tell this illustration. The illustration goes like this “One shaped shepherding the sheep. Very often the wolf’s are coming and bothering the sheep. He

shared this with friends and advised to bring the dogs to prevent the wolfs. So the Shepard brought the Germen-Shepard bread dogs. Then wolfs stopped to attack the sheep. There was no work for the dogs. The dogs were in boring because there was no work for them. One day they had a meeting among them. One of the wise dogs advised the other dogs, we always have the work. From this day we will shepherd the sheep and the Shepard.” Now the lay leaders are ruling the pastor and the congregation.

What all I came to know in my life and ministry was the church will not be blessed if don't honor the pastor. The one who don't honor pastor cannot honor the God. We have seen what happened to Miriam. In my ministry I have seen some people destroyed and some died by attacking me in the ministry. Psalmist said this with his life experience.

“Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm” - Psalm 105:15

People should not tempt to rebuke a Godly Leader to have the peaceful days in their lives on the face of the earth.



Temptation to curse the Gods people

“Balak Summons Balaam: Then the Israelites traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho. Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites, and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites. The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, “This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the Euphrates River, in his native land. Balak said: “A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed.” The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said. “Spend the night here,” Balaam said to them, “and I will report back to you with the answer the Lord gives me.” So the Moabite officials stayed with him. God came to Balaam and asked, “Who are these men with you?” Balaam said to God, “Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message: ‘A people that has come out of Egypt covers the face of the land. Now come and put a curse on them for me. Perhaps then I will be able to fight them and drive them away.’ But God said to Balaam, “Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed.”

The next morning Balaam got up and said to Balak’s officials, “Go back to your own country, for the Lord has refused to let me go with you.” So the Moabite officials returned to Balak and said, “Balaam refused to come with us.” Then Balak sent other officials, more numerous and more distinguished than the first. They came to Balaam and said: “This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Do not let anything keep you from coming to me, because I will reward you handsomely and do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me.” But Balaam answered them, “Even if Balak gave me all the silver and gold in his palace, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the Lord my God. Now spend the night here so that I can find out what else the Lord will

tell me.” That night God came to Balaam and said, “Since these men have come to summon you, go with them, but do only what I tell you” - Numbers 22:1 – 20



Here the prophet tempted to sell himself to curse the God’s children. God will not please if some curse His children.

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted” - Luke

18:11-14

God loves His children, he don't like someone to criticize or do any harms on them. God manifested in the human beings. If anybody curses the other person, they are cursing the living God who was dwelling in that person. God act on the people who curse others.

In my life and ministry I have seen many people who cursed me, were received the greatest punishments in their lives. So let's not tempt to curse the God's children.



Tempted for the Gold and Silver

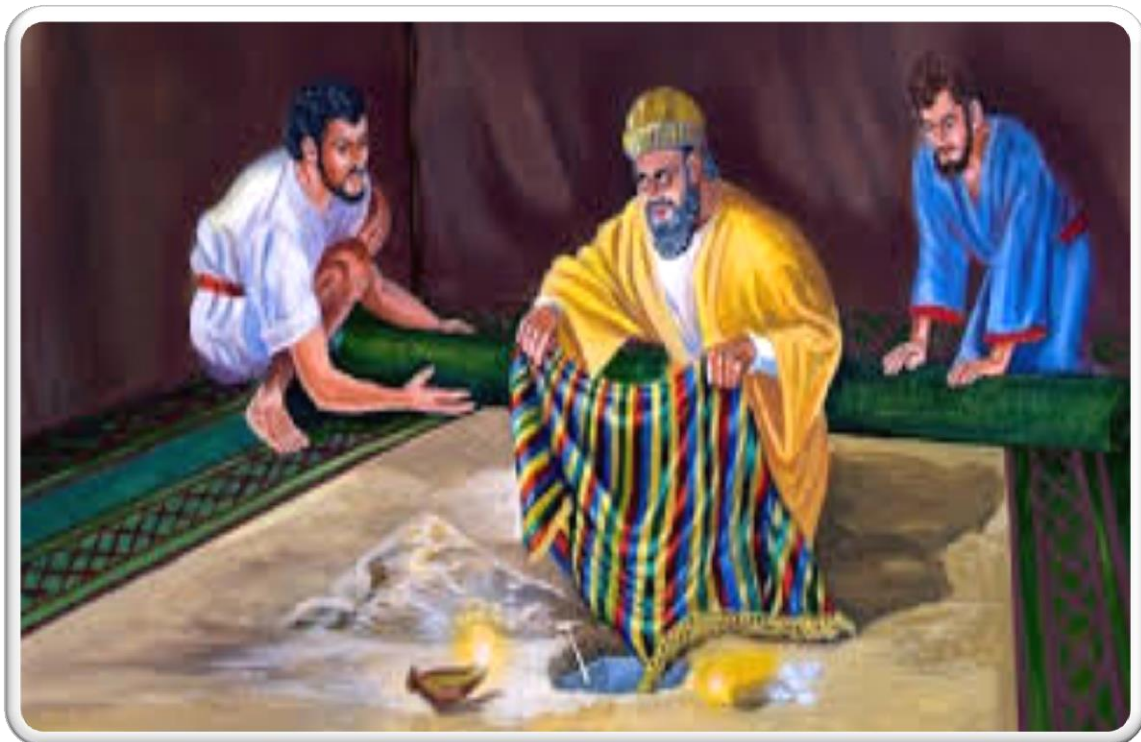
“Achan’s Sin: But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things[a]; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri,[b] the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord’s anger burned against Israel. Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, “Go up and spy out the region.” So the men went up and spied out Ai. When they returned to Joshua, they said, “Not all the army will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary the whole army, for only a few people live there.” So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted in fear and became like water. Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the Lord, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads. And Joshua said, “Alas, Sovereign Lord, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan! Pardon your servant, Lord. What can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies? The Canaanites and the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. What then will you do for your own great name?” The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. “Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There are devoted things among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them. ““In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe the Lord chooses shall come forward clan by clan; the clan the Lord chooses shall

come forward family by family; and the family the Lord chooses shall come forward man by man. Whoever is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the Lord and has done an outrageous thing in Israel!’ Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen. Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.” Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.” So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the Lord. Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. Joshua said, “Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today.” Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since” - Joshua 7



Many people run towards the cursed treasures. God told very clearly not bring any of the cursed treasures, but Achan was tempted to get some from the Jericho, which was led him with entire family to destroy. Silver and Gold were the items for the temptations.

In my life and ministry had the temptations like this for the sake of the church building. Never in my life gave the room for such temptations. Because this reason only I am alive for the Christ. Let's not tempt for the silver and gold to destroy ourselves with the entire families.



Temptation of acquaintance

Eli's Wicked Sons: Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, why do ye such things? For I hear of your evil dealings by all these people. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress. If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men.

Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord. Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. But even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." If the person said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force."

Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.' But now the Lord declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained. The time is coming

when I will cut short your strength and the strength of your priestly house, so that no one in it will reach old age, and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, no one in your family line will ever reach old age. Every one of you that I do not cut off from serving at my altar I will spare only to destroy your sight and sap your strength, and all your descendants



will die in the prime of life. “And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you they will both die on the same day. I will rise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread and plead, “Appoint me to some priestly office so I can have food to eat.

God was not pleased with the evil attitude of Eli’s sons Hophni and Phinehas towards the Gods temple and the customs.

These kinds of things are happening in these days also. People want to serve the God in their own methods. As the matter of fact the name of God is mocking by these kinds of evil people. God is the same yesterday today and tomorrow. As He acted on the children of Eli, He is also acting now. I have seen many God’s servant’s families were destroyed. They tempted to destroy as the whole family.

Temptation for the gifts

Elisha curing Naaman of leprosy, and Gehazi getting it instead: Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim.

Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.” “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous it had become as white as snow.- 2 Kings 5:19 – 27

Gehazi was tempted for the gifts from the Naaman. Elisha refused the gifts of Naaman, but Gehazi ran towards the Naaman with the knowledge of the God’s servant. He does not know the God’s eyes and the God servant’s eyes follow him. Many people are in these days doing the evil by ignoring the God and His watching on everything. people have no fear of God. when they no fear of God they do anything they like. In the other way their spiritual

eyes were closed to see the real things. The temptation of the gifts made Gehazi to get the Leprosy to his entire family. This is happening in these days. Instead of receiving the blessings of God, people are receiving the curse.

Coming to my personal life and ministry, we have many needs for the family and the ministry. We always depend on the God for every need. Sometimes we also have the opportunities like Gehazi, never in our lives tempted for the wrong way of blessings. Till today we are not having the permanent church building. Twenty two years passed, still we are holding the church services at rented halls. We had much temptation in around the world to get the blessings in the wrong way. We have never looked towards the blessings or gifts in the wrong way. We strongly believe that God will do the right things in the right way.



Temptation in the New Testament

Three types of Temptations

“Everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life comes not from the Father but from the world” - 1 John 2:16

The Lust of the eyes

Most of the temptations start with the eye. Coming the Adam and Eve, Eve was tempted by the eye. The fruit was looked so nice to her eyes.

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it” - Genesis 3:6



Sin starts with the eye sight. There was a saying. First sight is not sin; Second sight was the temptation; Third sight was the sin.

To overcome this temptation we must keep our sight on Jesus. We can win this temptation by the power of Jesus. Whatever we see we feel that was Jesus.

Coming to my life and the ministry, during the visits to the world, there will be many temptations start with the sight. I always keep Jesus in front of me, which was helping me to overcome this kind of temptations. There was a song like this. “The cross before me and the world behind me; No turning back, no turning back”.

The Lust of the flesh

Spirit was strong but the flesh was week.

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” - Mark 14:38



Flesh was always weak. There was great temptation to the flesh in this world. All the evil work out thought the lust of the flesh. Great men of God fall in this lusty weakness. This weakness is playing major role in this end times. To win this temptation we need to keep Jesus in our mind. In my visits around the globe, I found this was the major temptation and Lot of glitters, some countries in the world surviving though the lust of the flesh. God destroyed such countries and the places through the Tsunami in the past. Through the godliness only we can win this temptation.

The Pride of life



In these days we see this in most of the people. You know what the Bible saying regarding the pride.

“When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom” Proverbs 11:2

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand joins in hand, he shall not be unpunished” - Proverbs 16:5

“A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit” - Proverbs 29:23

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” - Proverbs 16:18.

The temptation of pride destroys the life. When you keep Jesus in front of you all times, the question of pride will not arise.

Tempting the Holy Ghost

“Ananias and Sapphira: Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet. Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.” Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events” - Acts

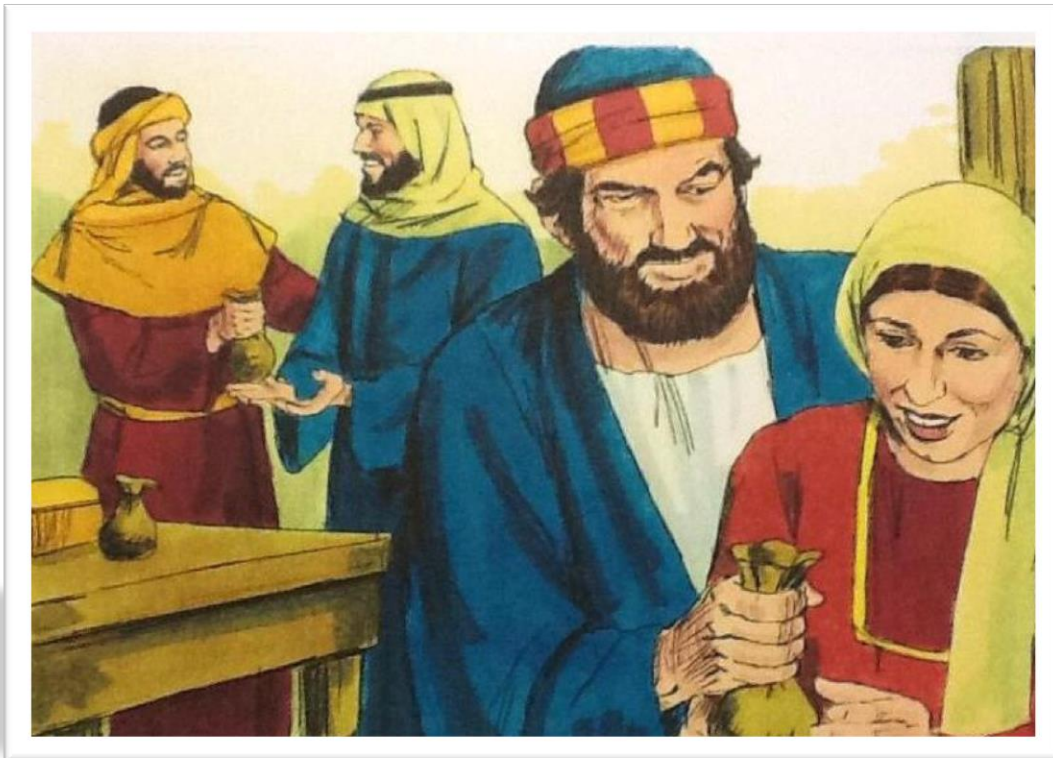
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Lot of people thinks that the lie was not a big sin. They do not know the liars will fall in the lake of fire.

“The cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death” - Revelation 21:8

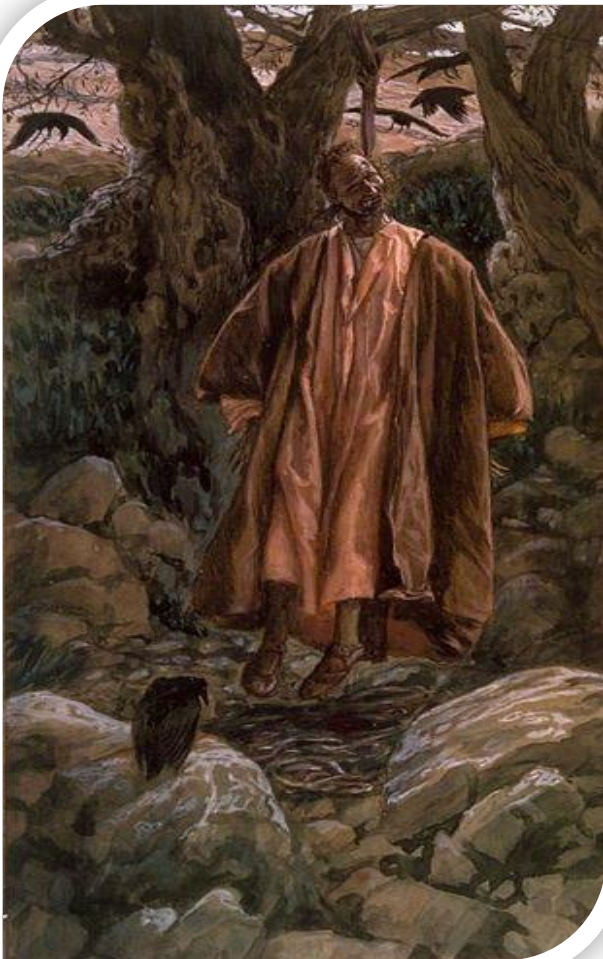
Fall of lust with woman, sometimes takes place unknowingly and instantly. But coming to the lie, it's a pre prepared sin. To say lies, one will prepare well in advance to present it. That's what this Ananias and Sapphira did in their lives. That was their money, they have nothing to say lie, but they did it. They did it in front of the Holy Ghost. They thought that they are lying to Peter. For some people lie is not at all the sin. We can say they born as liars. Our parents taught us through their lives, that we should not lie.



Temptation for Worldly Sorrow

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death” - 2 Corinthians 7:10

Judas: When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself” - Matthew 27:3-5



Godly sorrow brings the life. But the worldly sorrow brings the death. We can see in the life of Peter, he was tempted for the Godly sorrow that gave him the life and used him the mighty way.

Coming to the temptation for Worldly Sorrow, Judas was realized but that led him to die. Temptation of the sorrow was an important thing, but it must be the sorrow of the Godly. This sorrow leads someone to the life. But the sorrow of the worldly leads someone to death.

Temptation of Gossip

“You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD” - Leviticus 19:16

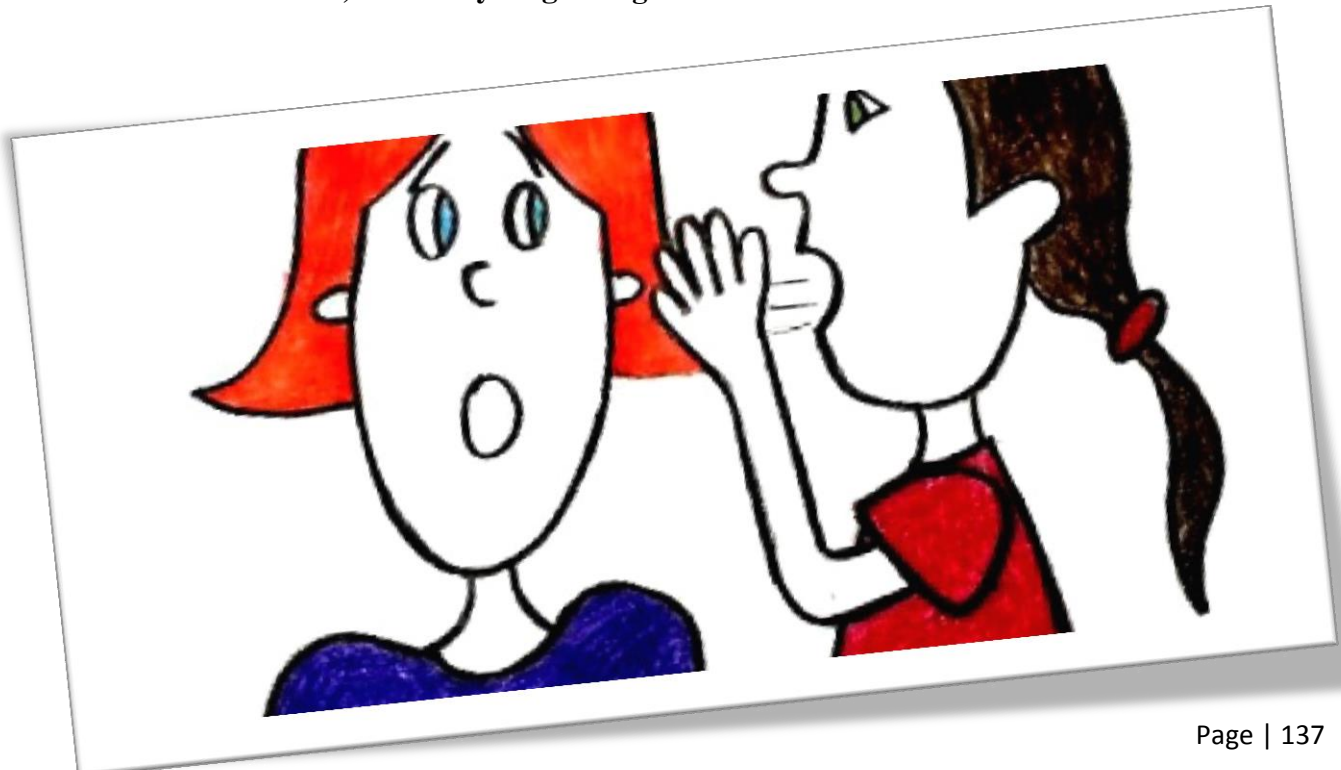
“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered” - Proverbs 11:13

“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babbler” - Proverbs 20:19

“For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body” - Proverbs 26:20-22

“They are all stubbornly rebellious, going about with slanders; they are bronze and iron; all of them act corruptly” - Jeremiah 6:28

“Let everyone beware of his neighbor, and put no trust in any brother, or every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer” - Jeremiah 9:4



We see this temptation of Gossip much in these days both in the church and the society.

Satan uses some people for this ministry. This makes lot of disturbance in someone's life. Mostly in the churches some will take the responsibility of this great evil job. Sometimes they do this to the God's servants also. Some people come to the church for the personal interests. Some will come for the positions and will come for other benefits. When they were failed in their attempts, then immediate thing they do the gossips. They do this to the person who was the head of the institute. Sometimes they may success in their evil attempts, when the other person was not a prayerful person. If the other person was the prayerful person, the person who did the gossips will reap the consequents.



Temptation to Worry

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” - Phpilianias4:6 - 7

“Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in his entire splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” - Mathews 6:28 – 33



Most of the people worry for nothing. They are not aware of the scriptures, they are very clear that we need not worry for anything. We need to keep everything on God. Once we worry for something then the thinking will start. That leads for the worry and then to receive the blood pressure and then followed by the other diseases. This temptation for the worry will leads us to sickness in the body and in the spirit.

Coming to my life and ministry, I follow the word of God as it is my wife always question me, how you are sleeping well with all these problems. My answer was to her I keep every problem on God and pray for those things. I relax myself in the spirit and keep on pray and take good rest. That kind of nature was helping to come out from the problems and also giving the good health. I crossed the sixty two years in the life. Till today I have no diseases. I don't see the doctor. I praise the God for the good health in the body and in the spirit. Temptation for the worry will leads someone to the physical and spiritual sickness. We can overcome that only keep all the burden on God. This is my life experience.



Temptation to buy Gods gifts

Simon the Magician; there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me” - Acts 8:9-24

Here Simon the Magician wants to buy the gifts of the Holy Ghost with money. Judas sold the Jesus for money. This man wants to buy the Holy Ghost with money. The Holy Ghost is the God. He wants to buy God with money. Lot of people thinks that through the wonders and miracles only we can prove our power to people. In India we see

many Baba'a and Gurus who do the magic's to show their power and also they were called as the Gods. Most of the people in India come to Jesus through the healing and miracles. It's also there in the scriptures.

“God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will” - Hebrews 2:4

God's purpose of giving the gifts of Holy Ghost is deferent, but the people made every ting deferent. Some people are doing business through the gifts of the Holy Ghost.



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No one can buy the gifts of the Holy Ghost. It's not good any one to temptation to buy Gods gifts. Instead of the gifts they may receive the curse.

Temptation to Drunk

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit” -

Ephesians 5:18

“Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain”- Titus

1:7

“Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder” - Proverbs 23:29-32



Temptation to Drunk is playing the vital role in the India. Government makes big monies through the liquor business. Most of the labor people habited for this weakness. After getting the daily wage, they directly go the wine shop to give all the money there to get the wine. That cheap liquor kills their health and leads to the sickness, besides that poverty in the home, children suffer for the food. Many families were destroyed through this liquor. Children suffer for food and the minimum needs. There will be no chance for the education. Some children will be forced to do the child labor works. This was the reason that we see many child labors in the India. The temptation for the drunk leads to the destruction of the individual and the family.



God's Servant's Temptation and fall

Here we see some God servant's temptations and the fall. We are sharing these things to take care in those Ares to live for the God with good testimony. I don't want to give their names. We just see the temptations they were faced for the falling.

Hippie Appearance



failure minister.

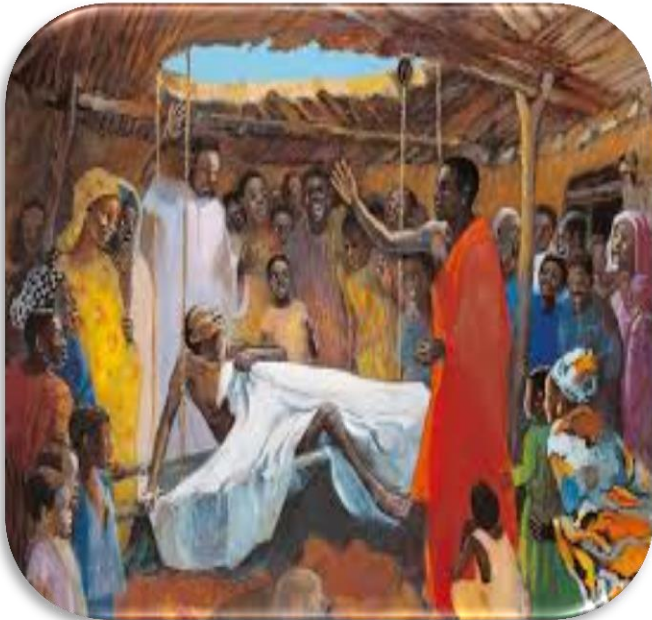
An American closeted gay Pentecostal evangelist, He despite his hippie appearance had notable success as a minister and evangelist. He was a key figure in the Jesus Movement and was involved in the rise of worldwide denominations. He was removed from the leadership positions due to the homosexuality. Later on he died as the

Sex with male and female students

A radio evangelist formed Christian College in American. He taught fundamentalist Christian principles. Involved in a sex scandal erupted at the College. He had the sex with male and female students. He was forced out of College's presidency as a result. All American children were accused him for sexual misconduct. As the result of his temptations the mission was closed down.



Perform miracles to make money



To receive large money in donations as a child preacher, he was simply been trained to do this by his parents. As for him, he had no personal faith. He was able to perform miracles and receive large amounts of money and materials as donations. He was acted in film which explanations of how evangelists manipulate their audiences to make the big monies. He became the cause outrage in the Bible. He never acted in films anymore and also stopped the ministry of making money.

Affair with church member



An evangelist faced the attacks through the fellow evangelists regarding the evil acts. He was involved in an affair with the member also caught publicly with a prostitute. He faced this kind of accused repeatedly and also admitted his sin in front of the country people through the electronic media.

Making money through healings



the healings.

He pronounced a child cancer sufferer to be healed, yet the girl died two months later. He also produced fund-raising material, which was condemned as unethical by a number of religious leaders. It also implied that giving money to his organization would result in family members becoming Christians. There is lot of failures in his ministry. He was banded in some countries not to enter any more, because he was failed there to perform

Involved in a satanic cult

A popular Christian evangelist and comedian.. He claimed in his autobiography, *The Satan Seller*, that he had once been deeply involved in a satanic cult and was a satanic priest before converting to Christianity multiple marriages, affairs and divorces. Throughout his nine-month tenure as a Satanist, much less become a drug-addicted dealer or become a satanic high priest.



Praying for the money and valuable givers

An American televangelist who was achieved notoriety in the whole country. He use to throw away the prayer requests without reading them, keeping only the money or valuables sent to them by viewers, garnering his ministry an estimated \$80 million USD a year. His prayer hotline operators claimed that the ministry cared little for desperate followers who called for prayers he had a computer installed that the phone operators were off the line in seven minutes. He was only available



person for the rich people.

Sexual Assault



An evangelical preacher and his wife were pastors in England. The church was one of the largest in the United Kingdom. He came into notoriety when he was jailed for three and a half years for the sexual assault of four members of his congregation. His ministry was stopped. His wife started a new church.

Homosexual Relationship



A pastor of the church was alleged that he had been regularly visiting a male prostitute who also provided him with methamphetamine. He admitted his wrongdoing and resigned as pastor. He admitted to a second homosexual relationship with a male church member. He was removed from his positions and jailed for

some time. His ministry totally disturbed.

Use of funds for political and personal purposes

A televangelist president of a University until his forced resignation. He was named as a defendant in a lawsuit alleging improper use of university funds for political and personal purposes and improper use of university resources.



Aiding and Abetting prostitution

Baptist pastor who was a conservative activist and also the politician in America. He was president for the larger organizations. He had been charged with six counts of aiding and abetting prostitution.



Physically Assaulted



An evangelist who was married the fellow evangelist. And also they separated due to the physically assaulted in a hotel parking lot and were convicted of the crime. The couple divorced and Weeks later remarried.

Extra-Marital Sexual Relationship

A Bishop is an Christian evangelist in England and founder of large Ministries who resigned from the role of pastor. After admitting to eight-year extra-marital sexual relationship. The scandal was widely reported online. He has since re-developed an itinerant evangelistic ministry and has been speaking at a number of churches in the England and overseas.



Child Pornography



A Christian Ministries headquarters as part of a child pornography involved allegations of physical abuse, sexual abuse and allegations of polygamy and underage marriage. His office has received complaints from former ministry members about allegations of child abuse, sexual abuse and polygamy since the ministry established itself in the area. He was convicted on ten counts of transporting minors across state lines for sexual purposes, sexual assault and other

crimes. The great minister was in the prison.

Gay Male Prostitute

A Christian leader was encountered and photographed at Miami International Airport returning from an extended overseas trip with a twenty-year-old “rent boy“, or gay male prostitute. he Gave his opinion on homosexuals and homosexual behavior, the scandal surrounds his decision to employ a homosexual escort as a traveling companion, and how that runs contrary to public stances on such issues. He claimed that was there to help carry luggage as allegedly had recent surgery, yet he was seen carrying his own luggage when he and Lucien were spotted at the airport. He denied having sex with the man. He had paid him to provide nude massages daily, which included genital touching.



Sexual Relation with Co-Missionary



The great man of God in India, he was the overseer to a largest organization with hundreds of missionaries. He was an international speaker, who speaks in radio. Fall in sexual relations with the Muslim convert young lady in that organization who sings songs for crusades and the Christian albums. He was caught red-handedly in

a lodge. The interesting thing was here, his wife only made him to catch. He was dead now.

Immoral Relations with Staff

The servant of God who was in-charge for the many churches and to the missionaries.

Who also helps the hundreds of widows and the orphan children. He was the highly influenced man with the politicians and the police in the state. Due to the wealth and the influence with the society, he adopted the immoral relations and the practicing the evil. He maintained the sexual relations with the staff of his office. The result of his evil ness, he was killed on the national highway while he was in driving.



Rolls Royce's and Private Jets



Most of the God servant adopted the most luxury life by having the Rolls Royce's and private jets. Their personal expenses come in the millions of American dollars. They live in the rich mansions with thousands acres of land. In the other way they are misusing the funds of ministry for their personal entertainment. Temptations for the lusty and the worldly things.

Three w. w. w's

Temptations through three “W’s”

Temptations through “Women”

Temptations through “Wine”

Temptations through “Wealth”

In the world any murder or any criminal activities took place the police will investigate in three lines. Definitely one of these three things will have the role in this crime. Let us see in detail on these three things.

Temptations through Women

Coming to the first woman Eve, she opened the door for the Satan to do his operating. From that day till today the Satan was using the woman to destroy the entire universe. The kingdoms and the largest organizations were destroyed through the woman. If you see the any movies wall posts, we will see the half-naked pictures of the woman. In the regular magazines the front page was allotted for the half-naked pictures of the woman. Prostitution around the globe was running through the woman. Very few male prostitutes are there in the world. Women are the main instruments using by the Satan to destroy the mankind.



Coming to the God servants lives. We will see the fall of the God servants only in the protestant mission. We see rare cases in the Roman Chthonic mission. The main reason was the marriage. When the God servant marries, he was opening the door for the Satan. With my personal experience, I am sharing that the God servant should not marry. Once he marries the problems start. He needs to please the wife to have the peaceful life. She demands to do every non-sense, for that he needs to give Gods time and money to her. I know one pastor who married a beautiful wife for the society sake. He was the good speaker. He gives good sermon in the church on Sunday, evening he will be forced through the wife to go for the star hotels with non-Christian boyfriends to spend the late nights. What is the truth here? Preaching the good sermon in the church or spending the late nights in star hotels? What is the problem with this pastor? Answer was the evil wife or the worldly wife.

I know one great man of God who was the overseer to the hundreds of the pastors. God blessed him a lot and using him in the larger way. His wife developed the illegal relation with a police man and killed the husband. The ministry was closed. The woman traced out by police and sent to prison.

Most of the pastor's wife's will be operated by the Satan. That was the easy way for the Satan to destroy the Gods work. The pastor's wife does not do the wife duties. Most of the pastor's wife will have the doubting on the pastor. They don't allow the women to talk to the pastor. If any woman try to share her problems to the pastor, as he was the spiritual father, the pastor wife tell every member of the church that the pastor having the illegal relation with that woman. Because of the pastor evil wife's many ministries were closed.

Coming to some pastor's life, as they do not do her wife duties, this pastor try to build the illegal relations with the women just for the sake of the lust. He do the self-justification by telling that his wife does not having the good relations with him. There the real problem starts. The illegal relation led the pastor to destroy him and the ministry. I have seen many pastor spoiled like this in their ministries.

There were many examples like this. Here we can say woman is like poison. The poison kills the people and the same poison give life to the people. God used the woman for him to come to this world. Woman built the house and also destroys the house.

“The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down” - Proverbs 14:1

God uses the woman for His works same time the Satan also using the woman for the destruction of the Gods works. I have seen in my world tour, that the ninety eight percent

families were dominated by the wife's. Men are victims in the hands of women. Very few men were in the position to control the wife. When women dominate the man, there the jezebel spirit involves.

God's children and mostly the servants of God must run away from the woman like Joseph to live for the God and to His works. In my international travel I have seen this kind of things everywhere. When you are in the Jesus and Jesus in you, you will never tempt for this lust. I tell God servants to run away from the evil woman.

I am not saying that the woman is the evil. I respect the woman. My mother was woman, my sister was woman and my wife was woman. I respect the woman. I can say that woman was so easily operated by the Satan for his evil works.



Temptations through Wine

Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine. Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper” – Proverbs 23:29 –

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Alcohol and the wine were playing the major role to destroy the mankind. In India Government makes the good money through this. The poverty rules the people in India. The poor man works hard for the bread. When he got the wage to hand in the evening, he goes to the liquor shop to take the alcohol. He loses all of his hard earning at the wine shop. Go to home with empty hands in the bad position. Children struggle for the food and cloths. There will be no education to the children due to this. Some men come and beat the children and wife. Every day the house will be like the war field. In the other way the wine is destroying the whole house. It's effecting to the society, creating the criminal in the society. This was the bad temptation which was playing the major role in the society to destroy the families and the individuals.

Temptations through Wealth

“The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief’s” - 1 Timothy 6:10



Money is playing the major role in the society. Fighting's and murders taking place through the money. The world is ruling by the money. Everything works through the money and for the money.

Coming to the God servants, Most of the ministries are working for the money. We can call them as the Money making ministries. In these days Satan was tempting the God servants with money. Making big monies through the healing ministries, T.V, programs to make money, not to present Jesus. In the thirty minutes, half time was allotted for the money. It's just begging. Lot of ministries are making money by selling oils, handkerchiefs, fish and some the mud of Holy land. They were literally dying in the spirit to make money. For the sake money some are calling themselves. Judas sold Jesus for thirty silver coins, now the fake God servants selling Jesus for their evil deeds. Love of money is making every evil he society in these days. People are killing each other for the sake of money. This was the greatest temptation for the mankind to destroy them.

Temptations through the personal life experience

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are- yet he did not sin” - Hebrews 4:15

Every person on the face of the earth will be facing the temptations. If someone says that I have not tempted; it was the lie. Coming to my life I have faced all kinds of temptations like everyone. As the child I was gone through every temptation. God helped me in every childhood temptations.

Temptations in my youth stage



Coming to the youth, I have faced every temptation like the every youth. In College days I was the notorious person. At the end of my college days, my principal called me and said that I am feeling shame to have the student like you. He said I don't give the transfer

certificate to you. I will share some evil acts of mine in the collage days. Then you will come to know why that principal said like that to me.

We use to have bunch of youth who were very notorious, and do not mind to fight with others. My mother wants to makes me the medical doctor. For that I was joined in the biological sciences with physics and chemistry. One day my chemistry lecturer questioned me for certain thing in the chemistry laboratory. I was not good in the subject. I was unable to answer to his questions. For the reply to that, my lecturer said you are not good in the subject, as you are not giving your mind for that. You are interesting in the entertainment activities. Those are the days of my youthful crazy life.

Evening I use to move with my other circle friends who were the heroes of the areas. I can say they are the heads of the local areas. Sometimes street fighting's use to took place. The people use to think about me that I may become the notorious person in the future.

God saved me from those evil paths and made me as the servant of Him.

When I accepted the Jesus as my personal savior in the year 1972 February 7th at evening around 7:30pm, which was the turning point in my life. As the scriptures say the person in the Christ was the new creation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

God saved me from all the evil life and made me as the new creation. I left all of the worldly friends with all of the evil habits and the works. It was the strange experience to me. My college friends surprise about the great change in my life. They gave the testimony

that God changed me. I felt that was the great honor to my Living God through my life. God protected me from all the youthful temptations.

As soon as I was accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior my whole life took U turn. I became the servant of God and led many youth to the Christ and conducted many large gospel meetings with the youth and women rallies in and around our city.

When I overcome the temptations of the youth and became the adult. It doesn't mean that I don't have the temptations. Temptations will be there throughout the life to me and to everyone. How can we win the temptations. We can win the temptations only through the Christ Jesus. Our strength will not be enough to with stand in the temptations. Prayer life is very important to overcome the temptations.

The secret in my life was the prayer life. I get up by the morning 4:30am for the prayers. I have learned this from my mother, and continuing till this age of sixty two years. The payer life keeps us close to God; the word of God leads us in the right path to do the right works.

When I accepted Jesus Christ as the personal savior in the year 1972, I gave the testimony in my mother's church. During the testimony, I told that I was in the hands of Living God, no one steel me.

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand" - John 10:28

I am in the hands of the God. Though I am facing the temptations, God is protecting me from every temptation. In the other way, we cannot win the temptations with our strength. We must know that the God is all mighty and the Satan is mighty. Our strength is not

enough to overcome the temptations. In God we can win every temptation. So we need to be in Christ. Same time Christ must be in us.

We are more than conquerors when we are in the Christ and overcome from every temptation to live for Him.



Final word

When you become the Christian you will face the temptations. If someone says that he is not facing the temptation that was lie.

God will help us to overcome the temptation

Keep your relation closed to God.

In him we live and move and have our being” - Acts 17:28

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” - 1 Corinthians 10:13

We can overcome the temptations through the Christ Jesus

No temptation will stop you and spoil you as you are the child of Christ

So let us live for Jesus here and live with Him there for ever

God bless you



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